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Preface.

“Current Events,” as given in this volume, cover a period of about eight years. This must be kept in mind for it makes these events of startling interest. The tremendous armament of the nations, their preparations on sea, land and the air is repeatedly pointed out. In our comment on the European situation we showed that peace cannot be expected in the present age, but that all these preparations mean a coming great European conflict. This awful conflict has now passed into history. Of especial interest are the items on Russia, Turkey and the Balkan States. These and others will be helpful in the study of Prophecy.

The chapters on “Religious Apostasy” and “Modern Day Delusions” show the drift of things religiously. As every reader of the New Testament knows this age does not end with a universal acceptance of the faith delivered unto the Saints, but in a universal apostasy from that faith. Before the day of the Lord comes, before our Lord appears the second time there will be the falling away (2 Thess. ii:3). “Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh, shall He find the faith on the earth?” (Luke xviii:8). This predicted falling away has set in and is literally rushing forward to the great apostasy which comes after the true church has been caught up to meet the Lord. Doctrines of demons and of seducing spirits are therefore multiplying and attracting thousands who never received the love of the Truth. All this is pointed out in “CURRENT EVENTS.”

Of equal importance are the paragraphs found under "Social Conditions." Rejection of the revealed truths of the Bible lead always to moral declension and corruption. Unrighteousness is increasing. The age is not advancing in righteousness.

Of special interest is the chapter on the Jews. They are the coming people. Their future is revealed in the Prophetic Word. The awakened national spirit, reaching out for the old home-land, their efforts to regain Palestine are of great significance at the present world-crisis.

At the end the reader will find a good Index by which he can locate the different items. We hope and pray that the volume may prove very helpful to preachers, Christian workers, teachers and all Christians who love His appearing. Surely the time of His Coming must be at hand. The study of the signs of the times will strengthen this conviction.

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Political Events.

Peace, Peace; When There is No Peace. In the days of the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, the optimistic cry of priests and people was "Peace—Peace!" Yet there was no peace and as this awful self-deception of the people increased the clouds of divine judgment and wrath gathered over Jerusalem. In the midst of the backsliding and secure professing people of God stood Jeremiah with his God given message, that there was no peace. What he preached was the very opposite from the optimistic imaginations of an outwardly prosperous people. And how he had to suffer for his faithful witness.

In our days likewise the popular preaching is peace; peace, progress and prosperity; all is well. What God has to say in His infallible Word concerning coming judgments is ignored and in spite of the most ominous signs and warnings of impending troubles, the greater part of Christendom believes that the world is getting better, universal peace is in sight and great reform movements will bring in a greater righteousness.

But some great Statesmen take a very gloomy view of conditions. Ex-Premier Balfour of England made recently a prophecy in the presence of the assembled editors of the British Empire. He said that the nations would have to fight soon a great battle, most likely in

the German Ocean. At the same time Lord Rosebery addressing this Imperial Press Congress also sounded a note of warning.

Lord Rosebery was particularly serious in his reference to the European situation, pointing out that whereas all the talk is of peace all the action is in preparation for war. He said he regarded the outlook as ominous, almost appalling. He had never seen the condition of things in Europe so remarkable and so menacing as at this moment.

There were features of this general preparation for war, he declared, which must cause special anxiety to the friends of the British Empire. One was forced to wonder where it was going to stop, whether it would merely bring Europe back into a state of barbarism or whether it would cause a catastrophe in which the workingmen of the world would say: "We will have no more of this madness and this foolery which is grinding us to powder."

This does not sound very optimistic. The Word of God predicts this very programme. A little while longer and the misguided Christian masses, misguided by their teachers, many of whom are alas! blind leaders of the blind, will have to lament and face trouble, disaster and judgment. "We look for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!" (Jerem. viii:15). "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (1 Thess. v:3).

Russia's Threatening Attitude Toward Turkey. The leading Russian papers have of late assumed a very hostile attitude. The government organ, *Novoye Vremya*, made

recently the significant statement "that Turkey must be wiped off the map of Europe."

For nearly a year past the belief has been held among usually well-informed statesmen that Russia and England have come to an understanding hostile to Turkey. They have adopted the policy which they agreed on in the summer of 1908 when King Edward met the Czar at Reval, a policy that was the immediate cause of the Turkish revolution in that its interference in the internal affairs of the Ottoman Empire offended enough politico-military sentiment in Turkey to enable the committee to overthrow Abdul Hamid.

That policy was left in abeyance until time should show whether the Young Turks and their constitutional parliamentary system could produce a decent administration. The verdict of the Russian and apparently of the British Government is hostile.

England has completely reversed her old time policy toward the Turkish Empire. Toward the end of his career the late Lord Salisbury said that in the Russo-Turkish problem England had put her money on the wrong horse. Now she has stopped even hedging on her stake and gone over to the Russian and the original Gladstonian policy that a Turk as a political administrator must get out of Europe bag and baggage. How soon, how easily and by what steps can this end be reached?

Presented graphically, the process now being applied resembles the upper and nether millstone at work and Constantinople being ground between them. Russia in the Macedonian north and England in the Arabian south are regarded as engaged deliberately in destroying the

authority of the Turkish central Government at Constantinople.

The motive for the present inflexible hostility of the two Governments to the new Turkish régime is by no means based on altruistic sympathy with oppressed Christian nationalities nor even on treaty rights. It springs from the conviction held by Russia and England that Turkey is not to be trusted. Moreover they think that she is not to be feared.

Her sole strength in the way of prestige is the German organization of her army, and since the present year began this newly modelled army has been subjected north and south to continuous humiliation. Many Russians go so far as to hold that the present movement will finish the Ottoman Empire and the Sublime Porte, that the Turkish administrative system as it exists at present will be relegated to Asia Minor with its capital at Bagdad, and that it will rank approximately with Persia among the political powers.

The student of Prophecy concerning the time of the end will discover in these political manoeuvrings and the soon coming collapse of the Turkish power in Europe a possible preparation for that end. Russia must ere long assume the leadership in the Eastern question.

War Preparations. Universal peace and the abolition of war in this present age is a dream, which will never be realized. There is not a single verse in the Bible which promises a state of peace for this poor world in this age. On the other hand there are numerous predictions of wars to continue during this present age and at the close nation is to lift up sword against nation and kingdom against kingdom (Matthew xxiv:7).

Peace on earth will some day be a reality. A great disarmament is bound to come. Such a glorious time will come. But the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ, must come back first as the victorious King. He will speak peace to the nations and they shall learn war no more. This age is almost ended and one of the signs of the end are the great war preparations going on now.

The Japanese Government is beginning to erect a gigantic steel plant at Tokio. The plant will be fully equipped to manufacture guns of all sizes and will make armor plate of every description. They are learning the art of war in an astonishing way from "the Christian nations."

Our friend Mr. Frank S. Weston, Pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church in Toronto, sent us recently an interesting communication on this matter, which we print herewith:

What mean these fearful munitions which are being prepared on all sides? The Word which is our lamp says:

"Proclaim ye this among the nations: Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near: let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say I am strong" (Joel iii:9, 10).

The Scriptures repeatedly proclaim gigantic warlike preparations just before the coming of Jesus Christ to reign over this earth (Matt. xxiv:7, 8; Isa. xvii:12).

The prophetic declaration is that the war spirit will prevail over the whole earth. Looking at the present condition of the world what do we see? For the past ten years there has been an unprecedented state of unrest. Things are in a state of tension. Expectancy is on all hearts. What a day may bring forth no one can tell. The whole atmosphere pulsates with danger. No one can be certain for a day that some new issue will not be raised which will involve every nation in Europe in a general war. The present hour sees the whole area of the Old Roman Empire a vast camp, with 27,-000,000 soldiers enrolled and ready for war. With them is every

deadly engine, instrument and agent which modern science and human ingenuity can devise for the destruction of human life.

Europe has never witnessed such gigantic armies and such colossal war preparations as at present exists.

Europe in 1867 could mobilize 6,958,000 men. In 1892 the aggregate fighting force was 12,563,000.

At the present moment "there are in Europe 27,000,000 men ready to spring to arms in a fortnight" (G. O. Morgan, M. P.).

General Miles, of U. S. Army, says: "There never was a time in the history of the world when such energy, ingenuity and wealth has been devoted to war purposes. The resources and industries of many peoples are largely devoted to maintaining large standing armies and formidable navies."

All the principal arsenals of Europe are working at high speed turning out orders. Not long since I visited Woolwich and saw 16,000 men at work. A recent heading in one of our dailies was

ALL EUROPE IS TO-DAY BUYING BIG GUNS.

The London *Spectator* says: "All the gunsmiths in the world are besieged with orders for breech-loaders on various principles, each warranted by its inventors to slay more human beings than its rival weapons. To this we have come after centuries of Christianity and morality and international intercourse and commerce."

To-day it costs \$930,000,000 per year to maintain the peace of Europe, and to carry out the program of naval construction determined will require an outlay of \$5,000,000,000.

Scripture knows no millennium of evolution, but rather one of revolution. The "Stone" cut out of the mountain without hands is to smite the powers of Earth and then establish a kingdom over all the globe.

Many voices have spoken to the nations: "Lay down your arms." Christianity, commerce, socialism all have commanded, all have pleaded. But the warriors have only gripped their swords more tightly.

Only One can make peace—Jesus the Christ. The earth is awaiting His coming and rule (Mic. iv:3).

Russia's Preparation. Russia is making very definite headway with the building of a powerful navy for the

Black Sea. In this she is rapidly preparing for the final part she will have to take in the closing days of this present age. The conquest of Turkey and her provinces, Syria and Palestine, is Russia's ambition. Even so God's Word predicts.

A credit of \$60,000,000 was granted for the purpose by the Duma and all of it and more has been allocated this week. The additional \$10,000,000 necessitated by the irreducible figures quoted by the contractors will doubtless be granted when the House meets.

Two Dreadnoughts will be laid down on October 1st (old style) at the new yard on the Black Sea prepared by a combination of Russian metallurgical companies under the technical and managerial direction of the British firm of John Brown & Company, of Sheffield and Clydebank. A third Dreadnought will be laid down a month later at the Nicolaieff yard, also on the Black Sea, and its construction will be under the supervision of the British firm of Vickers.

It was first intended that each Dreadnought should be 25,000 tons displacement and have 24 knots speed, but the cost would have been far beyond the appropriation, and it was decided that they should have 21,500 tons displacement and from 21 to 21½ knots. Each of these battleships will cost rather over \$14,000,000 and yet will be about \$50 a ton cheaper than the Dreadnoughts built at St. Petersburg for the Baltic fleet. The economy is due to the cheapness of coal at the Black Sea as compared with the north.

The remainder of the new Black Sea fleet, which is doubtless intended to cope with Turkey or with the Powers that take over the reversion of Turkey's strategic position, consists of nine torpedo cruisers and destroyers and six submarines. Each torpedo cruiser will have 1,050 tons displacement and thirty-five knots speed and each will cost \$1,325,000. Each of the six submarines will cost \$800,000.

Peace Confidence is Shaken. The universal peace confidence received a bad setback during the past weeks.

The German Emperor in a speech at a banquet in Hamburg said recently that it isn't astonishing that the

upward movement of German trade has inconvenienced many parties. He continued:

"World competition in commerce is wholesome for peoples and for States and is necessary to stimulate them to new achievements. But that competition is capable of being fought out peaceably.

"Protection to our trade and navigation has been provided by our navy, which is developing powerfully and distinguishing itself everywhere by its good behavior and discipline. It represents the German people's desire for salt water.

"I think that I can assume that Hamburgers desire that the navy be further strengthened so as to insure that nobody will dispute that place in the world which is our due."

At the same time France made strong declarations against universal peace. All France endorses the policy of resistance to Germany. A leading French official said, "France may sometimes have yielded to the illusion of universal peace, but she has now ceased to consider a European conflict as an impossibility." Even the most sanguine peace promoters realize that the dreams of peace millennium is far off.

The War in the East. The war in the Balkan Peninsula has been the leading event. In a very short time the armies moving against Turkey were successful. City after city, fortress after fortress fell, till in less than four weeks Constantinople heard the booming guns, and the victorious warriors encircled the city. The accounts read like some of the wars recorded in the Word, when God moved His hosts against the enemies of Israel. But who can describe the horrors of this present-day

warfare! The newest inventions, powerful, rapid-firing machine guns are being now put to test to show how many hundreds of lives they can cut down in a few minutes. How many thousands and tens of thousands have fallen, no one can tell. And then the thousands of wounded and maimed men! Oh! the horrors of war! One shudders in thinking of the young men and even boys, drafted to go to the front, and the heartaches, tears, pain and sorrow, connected with it all. Then there is that which always follows, famine and pestilence.

As we write this the outcome of all is still in the balances. One thing seems to have become certain. Great changes will result and new kingdoms and alliances will be formed. The crescent is going down; Turkey is being stripped of its power. All this, all enlightened believers, who know the Word, watch with the intensest interest, for it is exactly that, which may be expected. The War in the East is the most solemn sign of the times, the Lord has given to His people.

But what about the other nations? What about the universal war, a conflagration of Europe? We give an account, which was cabled from London by a well informed correspondent and which describes the situation.

The possibility and danger of a greater war than that between the Balkan states and Turkey absorbs public interest far more than the first bout of diplomacy between the belligerents outside of Constantinople.

The steps toward mobilization which Austria and Russia are taking, although but preliminary precautions, have made possible a vision of the vast consequences which, as far as Great Britain is concerned, are considered nothing less than appalling.

Apparently the British public has no desire to sacrifice lives and money, paralyze commerce and risk the navy over the settlement of

the status of the Balkan peninsula. Yet it is uneasy. It is ignorant of how far Great Britain's diplomatic engagements with France and Russia extend in the direction of an alliance and of how much likelihood there is that the government will be drawn into a conflict in which one or both its partners in the entente may be engaged.

The liberal press is unanimous in urging Great Britain to preserve neutrality. The majority of the conservatives demand the same policy. The *Times*, declaring that none of the European peoples want war, says: "Yet that is whither the nations are blindly drifting." It asks, "Then who makes war?" and replies, "There is to be found in the chancelleries of Europe among the men who, too long, have played with human lives as pawns in a game of chess and who have become so enmeshed in formulas and the jargon of diplomacy that they have ceased to be conscious of the realities with which they trifle."

The *Pall Mall Gazette* almost speaks in a warlike voice. It declares: "England ought to act firm with France and Russia in refusing simply to be swept aside. If the conference desired by the British government is refused, we ought to face the alternative and stand by our friends."

The mobilization of the Austrian and Russian armies requires weeks to bring about what Germany and France can accomplish in days. In Russia's case this is owing to the great distances the troops must travel; in Austria's because the units of the army are on a peace footing, which is only one-third of its war strength. Therefore, consideration of safety compels them to begin when the danger signals are remote.

England, France and Germany are playing a peace making role. Their efforts are directed apparently toward keeping the powers together in a compact to refrain from taking up the question which the war raises and defer their consideration until the general conference.

The withdrawal of the Austrian warships at Constantinople to join the fleet is taken as an unfavorable sign, and the imminent Servian occupation of Durazzo, on the Adriatic Sea, tends further to bring Austria and Servia toward the breaking point.

On the other hand, the safe arrival at Uskup of the Austrian consul, Prochaska, who it was feared had been killed, should lessen the

tension, and the fact that the Austrian ambassador lunched to-day with the Russian emperor would seem to indicate that the relations between these two powers are still cordial.

The latest news received here to-night foreshadows the breakdown of the armistice negotiations, probably over the demand of the Bulgarians for the evacuation of Adrianople, to which Turkey will not listen. The Turkish view is that while the allies have no more reserves which they can draft upon, Turkey is drawing a plentiful supply of fresh troops from Asia and is able to continue the war for another year. The Turkish military authorities assert that Adrianople can hold out for another month and that the Tchatalja lines are impregnable. Hence Turkey's position is not desperate enough to warrant her accepting humiliating terms.

What may take place no one knows. The situation seems desperate. What would result if the great nations would go to war is beyond description.

The Balkan Situation. Significant developments have taken place in the Balkan States. Montenegro, Servia, Bulgaria and Greece are arising against Turkey and these States seem to be determined to make an end of the wicked empire and drive the Turk out of Europe. Every student of modern history dating back fifty years knows the horrible record of Turkey. It is a record, a crime, cold-blooded butcheries of thousands of innocent human beings. These atrocities are of such a nature, especially those committed upon women, young girls and children, that they cannot be mentioned in print. Within our lifetime these satanic outrages have taken place and the so-called "Concert of Europe," the "Christian" (!) nations have stood by and not alone refused to interfere, but even helped that hell-born empire to continue in them. With Italy's attack upon Turkey

the death-knell of Turkey seems to have been sounded. Thousands of Greeks, Bulgars and others are returning from our shores to their home lands to engage in the coming warfare, which they term a holy war. The enthusiasm and self-sacrifice reminds one of the crusades. On account of this ominous situation all Europe stands aghast. The great nations fear now a universal conflagration, and the question with them seems to be chiefly who is to come out ahead of the game. Germany's friendship with Turkey is well known. In the highest European diplomatic circles the opinion prevails that Germany plays a tremendous game and has for her chief object the absolute control of Europe. One of the most clever students of the situation writes from Berlin that all Europe has been plunged into the darkest pessimism bordering on despair. Is this going to be the first step towards a changed map of Europe? Will Turkey at last fall? What is Russia going to do? What will be the result of all these upheavals? Will the predicted revival of the Roman Empire with its ruling little horn (Daniel vii) be the outcome? All these are interesting questions. But we are not called upon to prophesy. Only God knows what the near future will bring. But surely this much we can say: "**It will be foul weather for the sky is red and lowering**" (Matthew xvi:1-3). A friend writes us: "The news has come of the proposed ultimatum by the Balkan States to Turkey. If so the match is about to be applied to the powder magazine. It seems inevitable that one at least of the great powers will be drawn into the conflict; and if one, then all. On the other hand, the Lord's hour may not have arrived as yet. It may be in His plan to restrain the violence of man for

yet a little season. However that may be, it becomes increasingly apparent that the end is near and hastens greatly. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." With this we agree fully. May all that wait for His coming turn more than ever to the Word of Prophecy, especially to Daniel and Revelation. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written herein; for the time is at hand" (Rev. i:3).

Russia's Attitude. The Russian Empire has been very much in the foreground of late. The treaty of 1832 was abolished by the U. S. Senate. This was mostly brought about by Jewish influences. In connection with this incident the Russian bear has shown its teeth. The hatred against the Jewish race is not on the wane in the great northern empire. Antisemitism is as strong as ever and it is only a question of time when other fierce outbreaks against the Jews will occur. The Word of God speaks repeatedly of a great Northern power, of the time of the end, the enemy of Israel. That power is Russia.

Still more significant is Russia's abominable behavior against Persia. During the past three or four years Russia's aim has been to extend her dominion southward and find an outlet into the Indian Ocean. Steadily she has laid her plans to annex Persia. The success of this movement is only a question of time as Russia's troops are already in possession of Persian territory. Recently they massacred hundreds of innocent women and children. In Ezekiel xxxviii is found an unfulfilled prophecy. All students of the prophetic Word are agreed that Gog and Magog, the chief prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal

(xxxix:1) is Russia. Russia during the end of the age will head a great confederacy of nations to invade Israel's land once more. In the list of nations which are joined to Gog and Magog, Persia is mentioned (verse 5). Russia by her fierce hatred of the Jews and forward movement in Central Asia is preparing for her destiny and final complete overthrow.

Germany's National Debt. In thirty-three years Germany's national debt has swelled from twenty million dollars to one billion, one hundred million dollars—from twenty million dollars to eleven hundred million. In 1871, Germany had forty-one million inhabitants and in 1910 sixty-four million, an increase not quite sixty-four per cent. The expenditure for armament, responsible for the enormous debt, has more than doubled. If this continues, as it evidently must, a terrible condition will soon be reached. It spells revolution and lawlessness.

The Horrors of the Eastern War. The details of the wholesale massacres of the Christian population in parts of the Balkan peninsula, are just coming to light. Wicked Turkey is keeping up her bloody record, and the end is not yet. We quote from a report sent lately by an army officer stationed at Adrianople. The report was made to the President of the *Alliance Universelle*.

"Human speech cannot describe the agony one's soul feels on looking back over the seven weeks of massacre and mutual extermination in which 30,000 were butchered here.

"Like lightning from a clear sky came the sudden announcement of the Balkan Alliance and before the Turk had time to recover from the shock given him the war was declared.

"The gates of armories and barracks were swung wide open. At the barracks at the Zljiler Mahallelsy I heard the commanding officer give orders to kill all Christians.

"At last that terrible Friday night came. It was dusk. As I stood at the window at the Konah of Kendeli Bey I saw several imans (Mohammedan priests) on the minaret. I was suddenly startled by the sharp rattle of a drum, which beckoned the setting of the first watch before midnight. A few minutes had elapsed when the tower became filled with men moving excitedly.

"The great bell of the Greek orthodox church began to toll, followed by the bells of the other Christian churches.

"Lights appeared everywhere, windows were thrown up, the streets were crowded with men, women and children, their hands filled with hastily snatched valuables, making toward different churches to find refuge.

"Women pressing their babies to their breasts rushed to the windows that overhung the streets, already inundated with human blood.

"At the tepah, near the well, at the back of the Greek Bishop's diocese, I met a crowd of some fifty girls, who, frenzied with fear, turned and fled. In an instant they were surrounded by furious Moslems and butchered, and the heartrending shrieks of innocent children added to the already terrible scene. All was chaos.

"In half an hour the outlying city was completely devastated, Meantime the Moslems of Adrianople, re-enforced by the outsiders, took up their fiendish work. Toward midnight the city was hell. The roars of a million tigers could not terrify one as the lamentations and death shrieks of the unfortunate thousands. The city was set on fire in many sections and thousands were enveloped in the flames.

"In the morning the streets were strewn with dead. Thousands of them were cast in the river and have been washed ashore three miles below.

This is horrible reading. How little we, who are living in a land of peace and plenty, think of these unfortunate thousands! Most of us give it just a passing thought. We should pray daily for these suffering ones, no doubt many of them true children of God. And oh! Lord, how long! how long! It seems as if the end with its final struggles, its judgments and troubles, cannot be far off.

Is the War to be Ended? The representatives of Turkey with those of Bulgaria, Montenegro, Servia, and Greece are engaged in London with peace negotiations. Several times it seemed as if the conference would suddenly end and hostilities begin again. One would almost wish that the victorious allies would make a clean sweep and settle the Turkish question once for all, by driving the Turk out of Europe. The peace demands are severe and so far the victors have yielded but little. Turkey itself knows that the complete dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, the once powerful domain of the Sultan, is at hand. The Turkish press has been optimistic. One of the leading papers in Constantinople made the following remarks:

“If Constantinople and its environs alone are left to us, we can no longer defend them. What remains will in a few years slip out of our hands. . . .

“After this Bulgaria and Servia will possess navies. Greece will strengthen and increase her navy, and the Ottoman State will not only be unable to defend Constantinople and its environs, but it will be impossible to defend the coast of Anatolia on the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. We must hereafter have a navy equal to that of France in order to be able to defend our coast lines against two rivals. Is this possible?”

What the immediate outcome of all will be only our God knows. But as far as human vision goes the end of Turkey is in sight. The blow which the so-called “sick man of Europe” has received will finish him. It is interesting to see how the “Christian nations” stand by and watch jealously all that is being done by the victorious Balkan States. Constantinople is the coveted goal by all of them.

This war in the East, the complete breakdown of the Turkish Empire, remains the most significant sign of the times. We should not at all be surprised if the "Jewish Question" and Zionism will soon loom up on the horizon of these present day events.

The Chaos in the Balkans. The upheavals in the Balkan States have been followed by all our readers in the newspaper reports. The allies have gone to war with each other. Bloody battles have been fought amongst themselves. Greece and Servia are evidently successful and Bulgaria has suffered severe reverses. Roumania has also gone into the game and invaded Bulgaria. Austria and Russia stand behind it all, while the other great Powers look on. The outcome of all must now be awaited. A forecast of possible events is impossible. Greed for possession is responsible for it all.

Uneasy Europe. Old Europe feels uneasy. Every Kingdom and Empire is filled with fear and trembling. How will it end? That is the question which statesmen ask and the uncertainty is depressing every industry. Some nations, like Germany, are facing bankruptcy. The people continue to hoard their silver and their gold. Politicians and the masses of the people feel instinctively that an awful crisis is coming upon the whole world. The tension in the United States is even more marked. Distrust prevails. A silent panic is on. Even clever men seem to be at their wit's end.

Is not all this a foretaste of that which is coming? "Upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming

on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke xxi:25-26).

The Human Slaughter-House. Such is the title of a small volume which appeared recently in Germany by a hitherto unknown writer. In three months over 100,000 copies were sold. It has created a great sensation in Europe. The volume contains a horrible description of the battlefields of the future. Mechanical invention has changed "the field of honor" into a "human slaughter-house." According to this realistic description of the next war, machine guns will mow down whole regiments and dynamite dropped from aeroplanes during the night will wipe out human lives by the thousands. We quote a paragraph: "Another thing we know is, that forty years ago, in spite of inferior guns and rifles, over a hundred and twenty thousand dead stayed behind on the field of honor (The Franco-Prussian war). What percentage of the living will modern warfare claim? Armies are being marshalled vaster than the world has ever seen. Germany alone can put six million soldiers in the field; France as many. Then the war of 1870-71 was nothing more than a long-drawn affair of outposts! My brain reels when I try to visualize these masses—starting to march against one another; I seem to choke for breath." We do not know if the author knows anything of what the Bible predicts concerning the end of the age. Such terrible scenes as he describes will some day be witnessed on this earth. A little prelude was the awful butcheries of the Balkan war. The coming rider of judgment upon the red horse (Rev. vi:4) will take peace from the earth "that they should kill one another."

The Balkan War. A peace treaty between Bulgaria and

her former allies was signed during August, after which a big religious ceremony took place in the Cathedral of Bucharest. But will this peace last? Before we can publish these notes on current events, new complications may have arisen and another war may be going on. We hope not. The Balkan war has been one of the most disastrous in the history of this blood-trenched earth.

A correspondent of the *Corriere della Sera*, now in Macedonia, who has visited all the chief centers of the Balkan war, has given an approximate table of the losses in men and money up to the present of the combatant nations. For the first war his estimate is as follows:

Bulgaria—350,000 soldiers mobilized; 80,000 dead; \$300,000,000.

Servia—250,000 soldiers; 30,000 dead; \$160,000,000.

Greece—10,000 dead out of 150,000; \$70,000,000.

Montenegro—8,000 dead out of 30,000; \$4,000,000.

Turkey—450,000; 100,000 dead; \$400,000,000.

For the second war his figures are:

Bulgaria—60,000 dead; \$180,000,000.

Servia—40,000; \$100,000,000.

Greece—30,000; \$50,000,000.

When the number of persons massacred and the victims of the cholera epidemics are added to the totals it is reckoned that nearly 400,000 must have perished. The monetary loss all told is said to be \$1,360,000,000. The Boer war cost England 20,000 dead and \$1,000,000,000.

It remains now to be seen what will develop out of all this chaos.

Balkan Diplomacy. The following paragraph is taken from the *New Statesman* (London, Eng.) and gives a little insight into the diplomatic manoeuvres of the Balkan situation. Russia, as we have often predicted, is coming out ahead of the game. She also requested Germany to join Russia to force Turkey to abandon her invasion of

the conquered territory. Germany refused. The *New Statesman* says:

And though Servia and Greece have succeeded in joining their frontiers, let no one imagine that this will necessarily make them permanent friends. Servia will continue to desire a direct outlet to the sea under her own control. If she becomes as strong as she hopes in the Vardar valley, she will begin to think more and more of getting Salonica for herself in the end.

Behind all this prospect of unrest in the Balkans themselves, there is the far greater question of the effect of the new conditions upon the relations of Austria and Russia. Thanks mainly to M. Hartwig, the Czar's minister at Belgrade, Russia, without moving a regiment, has secured a diplomatic triumph which more than wipes out all the effect of Count Aehrenthal's success in 1909. **Roumania, Bulgaria and Servia have all been brought more definitely under her influence. She holds an incomparably stronger position towards the Balkans than at any time since 1878.**

With Austria it is lamentably different. By a policy of Machiavellianism and muddle in the last few months she has committed every possible error. She has been equally useless to Bulgaria and Roumania. The results of her own manoeuvres have ended in that large aggrandisement of Servia which it was the chief aim of Vienna to prevent. Serbs and Roumanians alike now look to the creation of the Greater Servia and the Greater Roumania by the disintegration of the Dual monarchy. Its present shape is untenable. The difficulties of reconstruction are enormously increased.

Yet nothing is more certain than that the downfall of Austria in destroying the existing equilibrium of Europe would totally change a good deal in the present grouping of the powers. The war which ought never to have been begun will not now be closed without some worse consequences than are yet generally discussed.

After the coming pause of exhaustion in the Balkans anything may happen in all the east of Europe beyond the German frontier. After the elimination of the Turk the situation of instability is wider and more dangerous than before.

Little Holland Falling in Line. The Netherlands Defence Commission, now sitting at The Hague, has

recommended that Holland should build nine dreadnoughts of 21,000 tons each, as well as several cruisers, destroyers and submarines, for service in the waters of the Dutch East Indies. The full scheme is not to be completed for thirty-five years.

The plan is due to the rise of Japan and the possibility that Java, Sumatra and Dutch Borneo may be objects of Japanese ambition. The Dutch, like all far-seeing people here or in the Dominion and the United States, realize that every Power which has possessions in the Pacific will need increased naval armaments in the future.

Thus little Holland falls in line with the other great nations to prepare for war. The Hague is the place where the "Peace Court" holds forth and the Peace palace is situated, of which so much has been expected. And now they recommend from that very place the building of warships. What mockery!

The Austrian Tragedy. The assassination of the heir to the Austrian throne and his wife adds two more names to the list of murdered rulers. Servia seems to have been the instigator of this terrible crime and behind Servia is seen the hand of Russia. This is the prevailing opinion among statesmen in Europe. Russia aims at a great Pan-Slavic confederacy. She will succeed and form yet a still vaster empire, amalgamating the slavic races. The Slavs are nearly half the population of the Austrian empire, numbering 24,388,413, by the latest estimate, out of a total population of 51,356,465. The annexation by Austria of Bosnia-Herzegovina has greatly stirred the Slavic world. With the Albanian disorders, the re-organization of the Turkish army, Turkey aiming at war with Greece, Russia and Servia conspiring against Aus-

tria, the unsettled Eastern question is bound to come into prominence again.

The Pope's Peace Message. Efforts to secure universal peace, and to produce a millennium, apart from the Return of our Lord to this earth, continue in many directions. Of late the Roman Catholic Church has taken hold. The Pope has issued an allocution which has been sent to 23,000 priests in the United States. Rome is falling in line with "Protestants" in the different reform movements, like Prohibition, the abolishment of the social evil and universal peace.

The Church Peace Union, founded in February by Andrew Carnegie with an endowment of \$2,000,000, will begin its educational activities in behalf of disarmament and arbitration among the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church here by sending to each of the 23,000 priests of the United States and Canada a copy of the allocution of Pope Pius.

The allocution, which is one of the most important of papal documents, was regarded in peace circles as remarkable for its strong expressions on the subject of international peace. The Pope's references to "men of distinction and force planning schemes for preventing the calamities of war, and for insuring the blessings of peace" were the subject of speculation in Rome. It was suggested at the time that President Wilson and Secretary Bryan might have been in mind.

The plan to distribute the allocution to priests was worked out by Dr. Frederick Lynch, Secretary of the Carnegie Union, and Dr. James J. Walsh, the well-known physician and writer on Catholic subjects.

"This is a project that is bound to be appreciated by our clergy," said Dr. Walsh yesterday. "Such allocutions are delivered in secret, but are usually published for the purpose of making clear the attitude of the Holy See on a given question. They appear in the 'Acta Sanctae Sedis,' and the higher dignitaries of the church get copies, but as a rule the text of the allocutions are not sent out to the clergy generally. It will help along the peace idea to have the

parish priest in every part of the country have the papal utterances on the question, and I have suggested that we send out earlier papal documents on the subject of arbitration."

This sounds very nice. There is no doubt Rome joins hands with Protestants for a specific purpose and unprotesting Protestantism dreaming of a "united Christendom" sees in all this a hopeful sign of a glorious future and follows willingly her, whom God's holy Word brands "the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth" (Rev. xvii:5). The sugar-coated pill is easily swallowed. Rome is double-faced. She advocates peace and prosecutes those who dare to speak out against her abominations. She joins reform-movements to gain her sinister end and permits certain evils in her midst. Universal peace? Yes, a mock-peace, a counterfeit peace may come, but it will not last long. It is coming to blind still more the eyes of them who believe not. The next paragraph is even more significant.

The Trend Toward a Single World Government. Different propositions have been made to establish somewhere a great world-center and to have the nations governed through a central government. Many statesmen advocate such a plan. Different monarchs of Europe have declared that their rule as kings may terminate soon. The King of Italy made recently such a statement. Surely thrones are tottering and the rule by the people is rising.

The latest plan advocated for bringing all the world under one government is the "world-navy." The suggested scheme is as follows:

A united navy supplied by the great powers named—the United States, Japan, Italy, Austria, France, Great Britain, Germany and Russia—would mean, to all intents and purposes, a movement in

the direction of a World Navy, because the list would include big war vessels enough to make a World Navy in numbers and strength. A World Navy would be logically and almost certainly followed by a World Army of corresponding strength, including the same nations, or some of them, with perhaps others possessing smaller armies—all to be assembled, through the initiative and by the consent of the nations involved, each militant branch under a single commander, and to be moved, whenever necessary, to achieve and maintain the peace of the world through a common impulse, under a united agreement first reached by a Parliament of the Nations.

A World Navy and a World Army would necessarily mean a World Government for the creation, assembling, support, management and control of these combined militant forces.

A World Government, in order to be practical, complete, comprehensive, effective and lasting, would need to be invested with all and every attribute of a single, united, consolidated, supreme governing body, adequate to the overmastering requirements of the world in all large and essential particulars. It would necessarily consist of the component and harmonious branches of a government of the people, for the people and by the people of the different nations of the earth—all of them, great and small, if possible.

Such a government would, in the very nature of the case, have to take on the character and consist of the features, the branches, the departments and the subdivisions essential to the securing of justice, efficiency, harmony in control, and permanency. Such a government would require, first of all, in its composition, the legislative, executive and judicial functions, each bearing its proper relation to the other, and all so welded and bound together as to constitute a universal governmental device of world-wide reach and solidarity.

The document from which we quote these paragraphs declares also that this world-government, the world-army, and world-navy would look after and guarantee the peace of the world, to fight all its battles "if any should remain to be fought." Then follow other suggestions.

The establishment of a World Government would of course involve the selection, establishment and possession of a World Capital; the creation of the necessary buildings and appliances for

the purpose; the creation of all essential civil offices; the election, selection or appointment of all necessary civil, judicial and other officers, agents and employees; and, in brief, the setting up and setting in motion of the entire machinery of a government adequate for the control of the affairs of the world, not its international and world-wide affairs, not of the national or internal affairs of the several countries.

There would, of necessity, be a striking World Flag, bearing upon its resplendent folds the national insignia of each and every country composing the alliance.

And last but not least of all, there would be a World Harbor or harbors—adequate ports of entry, amply guarded and protected by the World Navy.

All these things are possible, and half a dozen of the greater nations of the world can set in motion and establish permanently this Plan for Ending Wars—this Project of Universal Peace.

To the intelligent Christian, who has a clear insight in the revealed purposes of God, who “thinks God’s thoughts” concerning the end of this age, this trend towards a great world-government is of intense interest. The Word of God predicts a final Babylon, the concentration of a Godless civilization in one great world alliance. It also predicts the coming battle of Armageddon. When the Lord Jesus comes out of heaven to take possession of this earth and to become its king, the kings of the earth and of the whole world are together, they form a world-army and world-navy; they are gathered to the battle of the great day. The gathering place will be Armageddon (Rev. xvi:14-16). The kings of the earth and their armies make actually war against the Lord (Rev. xix:19). We are witnessing the planning for this predicted end. Plans are on foot to produce the final Babylon. What a solemn indication that the Lord is on His way for His people!

Russia's Strength and Forward Movement. Ever since the Russo-Japanese war, the great northern empire has been gaining in strength. Persia is gradually coming under Russian control, while throughout Central Asia from the Caspian Sea to the Gulf of Persia the influence and expansion of Russia becomes more pronounced. But in all probability the next war which Russia will undertake will be in the Far East. Asia and Russia are arming, and according to a leading military authority of Germany, General von der Boeck, a conflict between Japan and Russia is unavoidable. The general gives in a German magazine the following information:

The troops which Russia possessed in the Far East at the close of the war, he says, have been largely strengthened, so that at the present time they cannot be short of a peace footing of 200,000 men, a force which if war should break out could easily and speedily be raised to 300,000 without drawing a single soldier from European Russia.

Another important fact noted by Gen. von der Boeck is the strengthening of the defences of Vladivostok, which has been raised to the rank of a first class fortress. But the weightiest item in the development of Russian power in the Far East, according to this writer, will be the decision to build the Amur railway.

The third Duma, in view of the importance of this railway, has unhesitatingly devoted the necessary funds. The Russian Government's decision to double the track of the Siberian line is a step the gravity of which cannot be overrated.

Japan, freed for the present from maritime cares, is similarly engaged in strengthening her position on land. The thirteen divisions of her army when war broke out have been raised to nineteen, so that at the present moment her army on a war footing would consist of 550,000 men and 120,000 horses. And as there is on lack of men in the Mikado's empire General von der Boeck believes that were war now to be declared a million Japanese soldiers could take the field within a few weeks.

A most important factor in the altering circumstances is the renaissance of the Chinese military power. Japanese instructors swarm in China, and are swiftly building up a mighty military engine as their ally.

The original plan of the Chinese Government was to form thirty-six divisions, each of 10,000 men, and to have this entire force ready to take the field force the year 1922, but it is perfectly evident from the reports which have filtered through to Europe that this huge army will be ready by 1912, or ten years earlier than was originally intended.

Russia will no doubt be well prepared in a few years to undertake the awful struggle. She may come out of it victoriously for another destiny is marked out for a great northern power in the end of this age. According to the Word of God, when the Jews have been partially restored to Palestine, that land will be invaded by a powerful army coming from the north. No doubt that northern power must be Russia.

The Death of the King and the Unrest of the World. King Edward VII passed away after a brief illness. He was greatly beloved throughout the British Empire. Other nations esteemed him for his great tact and wisdom. His death came at a time when England is in the midst of a great crisis. Great Britain is facing great perplexities. How the desperate struggle between democracy and aristocracy, between socialism and imperialism will end is hard to tell. Humanly speaking a man like the suddenly cut off King was greatly needed. And elsewhere throughout the world there is a great and significant unrest. The *Missionary Review* makes mention of this:

One of the signs of the times, and very conspicuous, is the world-wide unrest. Never has this been more general if not universal.

If we begin at the Sunrise Kingdom and go westward, we shall find almost, if not quite, every nation in the sun's daily course in a state of agitation bordering on revolution. In Korea there is a desperate struggle for independence and freedom from Japanese domination. In Japan itself there is a condition of practical bankruptcy, the nation consumed with political ambition and anxiety to assert and maintain supremacy on land and sea and yet too poor to risk further indebtedness and outlay. China and Manchuria are restive under the threatened aggression of Russia and the spirit of reform that is like a liquid at boiling-point. India has not been so impatient and on the point of outbreak since the battle of Plassey. Turkey is only just starting upon its new career and uncertain what new development to-morrow may bring; it is like a volcano between two eruptions. Persia is in the very throes of revolution, with a change of dynasty and an entire upturning of government. And as in Asia so in Europe. Italy is far from being at rest; France is in much the same condition as before the tremendous civil and religious disturbances of 1793. Russia, for the time quiet, seethes under the surface with antagonisms between the Czar and his people, and the Church and the lesser sects.

The unrest in this country is becoming even greater than that of the European nations. A leading University President in addressing a convention said recently that the present age is the most decadent in history, with the possible exception of the days just before the fall of the Roman Republic and before the French Revolution.

The world waits for a great leader, a great master mind, who will head up in his person the affairs of the world and lead onward in the consummation of this age. This person is clearly described in the Word of God. A great political leader will appear first and he will be followed closely by a religious leader, the personal Anti-christ and man of sin. All is now ripe for the welcome of the two beasts. For all we know the persons who are destined

to act in these capacities may be on earth already. The Lord only knows that.

Nations Armed Camps. In addressing employers of labor on behalf of the new territorial army, War Secretary Haldane said the condition of international affairs was such that only a spark was needed to make a great war possible. Nations nowadays resembled armed camps rather than peoples contemplating peace.

Great Britain's best security for peace, he said, was preparedness for war. In addition to the possibility of invasion there was the more probable contingency that if Britain did not attend to the matter of national defence a gust of panic would sweep over the markets.

And yet how much we hear of "universal peace" and the coming together of the "Christian" nations. The world knows no peace, nor will there be peace till He comes.

General Bernhardi, an Eminent German Military Authority, has written a book entitled Germany and the Next War, in which he maintains the right to make war and the duty to make war, and openly advocates the policy of aggression and invasion, and tells his countrymen that they must fight their way to pre-eminence among the nations regardless of the rights and interests of other people, and that agitation in favor of peace is poisonous. This does not look like universal peace at hand.

Germany's fleet in the air. The great nations are making many preparations for battles in the air. Germany is the leader in this respect. She has not only the finest army on land and building up the most forceful navy on the sea, but has the finest collection of dirigibles

and aeroplanes. Recently great aerial manoeuvres were held and new improvements tested. Machine guns were fired from the air and experiments made with wireless telegraphy. The Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Mail* (London) gave of late interesting information on Germany's flying fleet.

Fourteen vessels are actually in commission. Nine others are under construction. Ten or a dozen factories and dockyards where airships are manufactured on systematic lines are at work. Twelve or fifteen permanent garages, several of them elaborately equipped stations, have been built at various strategic points along the frontier, in the proximity of the sea and at inland centres.

A special battalion of nearly 1,000 officers, engineers and men, trained in all the exigencies of aerial navigation has been organized. Germany's great ordnance makers, the Krupps and Ehrhardts, are perfecting airship destroying artillery and experimenting with guns and explosives for offensive operations from a height. Airship manoeuvres have become a regular feature of the army's work.

The Kaiser's aerial fleet consists to-day of the following completed vessels:

| Name and Type. | Length. | Diameter. | Speed. |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Rigid. | Feet. | Feet. | Miles |
| Zeppelin I..... | 453 | 37 | 25 |
| Zeppelin II..... | 453 | 43 | 28 |
| Zeppelin III..... | 453 | 43 | 30 |

| Semi-rigid. | Length. | Diameter. | Speed. |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Gross training ship..... | 140 | 30 | 21 |
| Gross I..... | 250 | 40 | 28 |
| Gross II..... | 250 | 40 | 30 |
| Gross III..... | 277 | 41 | 37½ |
| Ruthenberg I..... | 139 | 21½ | 22½ |

| Non-rigid. | Length. | Diameter. | Speed. |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Parseval I..... | 193 | 34 | 31½ |
| Parseval III..... | 237 | 40½ | 34 |
| Parseval IV..... | 200 | 31 | 27½ |

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|-----------------|-----|----|-----|
| Parseval V..... | 133 | 25 | 22½ |
| Clouth I..... | 140 | 28 | 22 |
| Erbsloh I..... | 176 | 33 | 28½ |

Each of the above vessels is of demonstrated capacity. The Zeppelins have traversed Germany from end to end, remained aloft for continuous periods of from twenty-eight to forty hours, and developed a radius of action equivalent to a flight from Berlin to London. The Gross and Parseval vessels have executed continuous cruises lasting from seventeen to twenty-four hours with a radius of action of between 300 and 500 miles.

German vessels are building which represent even more powerful types than the fleet already afloat, three of them being of even larger dimensions than any of the Zeppelins yet launched. One of these vessels, Zeppelin IV., is intended for passenger service, Gross IV. for the army, Parseval VI. and VII. for passenger excursions this summer respectively at Munich and Berlin, Parseval VIII. for the German Aerial Navy League and Parseval IX. for exhibition flights at the Brussels Exposition.

The Treves airship is the most remarkable of the vessels under construction, the distinguishing feature being the use of iron instead of the aluminum, steel and wood of other systems. According to the designs of its inventor, Anton Border, it will be an immense air cruiser with accommodation for fifty or sixty persons.

The vessel which will be launched within the next few weeks is provided with five motors developing altogether 480 horse-power. One of them, of eighty horse-power, drives the propeller, which is fitted at the bows. The other four develop 100 horse-power each and are utilized to set in motion the sixteen vertical and eight horizontal screw planes which steer the vessel upward and downward and to starboard and port. They also control the motion of the ship forward and astern.

It is estimated that these powerful motors will give the vessel a speed of at least forty-four miles an hour when they are all working, and it is even thought that an average of fifty miles an hour will be attained. The entire weight of the framework, motors and equipment is thirty tons, without the gas filling, and enormous volume of gas contained by the vessel when fully inflated will permit of the transport of ten tons of freight or fifty or sixty persons.

Krupps have designed three weapons for attacking aerial craft. For all the Krupp guns a time fuse is used. It is asserted that the fuse is perfectly safe to handle, yet so delicately adjusted that it will detonate the shell immediately on piercing the hull of an airship or a balloon. The Krupp airship destroying guns are also provided with tracers whereby the trajectory can be followed by day or night.

The Ehrhardt airship destroyer is designed for mounting on a motor car. It is a rapid fire gun, which discharges a 3.3 pound shell by means of a time fuse over a range of 8,800 yards, or at an elevation of forty-three degrees to a height of 4,750 yards.

The German army's scheme of aerial defence, says the *Daily Mail* correspondent, contemplates a chain of permanent stations which will eventually extend in a sweeping semi-circle from the extreme western corner of the empire through the north and east. The idea is that Germany shall be fortified in the air along her entire French and Russian frontiers and in the area flanking the sea. Every fortress within this arc is to be provided with one or more vessels.

At present the military airship stations are at Metz, Cologne, Frankfort, Berlin, Friedrichshafen and Mannheim. The larger ones, at Metz, Berlin and Friedrichshafen can accommodate two or more vessels of the largest type. Gas generating plants are attached to the military airship stations, which are to be duplicated gradually at all strategic points as the fleet grows.

Why then all this astonishing activity? Why such schemes and preparations? Are these the harbingers of universal peace or universal war? One must be blind to say that universal peace is in sight. The age is getting ready for the final conflict and the coming crash.

Aeroplanes for the Coming Wars. It seems the great nations of Europe are not only building their Dreadnoughts and continually improving their armies, but they also are building an aerial navy. Dirigibles and aeroplanes are ready to enter the coming warfare. The German Press

recently published statistics of the dirigible balloons and aeroplanes.

Germany possesses fourteen dirigibles of six different models, namely Gross, Zeppelin, Parseval, Schutte, Siemens-Shuckert and the Rhine-Westphalian airship, and five aeroplanes.

France has seven dirigibles and twenty-nine aeroplanes.

Italy, three dirigibles and seven aeroplanes.

Russia, three dirigibles and six aeroplanes.

Austria has two dirigibles and four aeroplanes.

England, two dirigibles and two aeroplanes.

Spain, one dirigible and three aeroplanes.

Altogether European nations have thirty-two dirigibles and fifty-six aeroplanes that are presumed to be available for service.

What days of horror will come when the storm at last breaks and nation will lift up sword against nation and kingdom against kingdom; then these modern inventions, more or less inspired and controlled by the god of this age, will be used to execute their awful work.

When the Lord comes out of heaven with His armies the apostate nations of Christendom will face Him. Read Revel. xvi:16; xvii:14; xix:19. The thought comes, **May not the airship as it is being rapidly improved and perfected play an important part when the nations defy Him who comes as Lord of lords out of heaven?** In their blindness under the satanic leadership of the Beast, the kings of the earth will gather themselves together to make war against Him, who comes at last to claim His inheritance. When they behold up in the air the fiery rays of His Glory they may, in their utter blindness, send up their aeroplanes with

high explosives to discharge their guns at Him, who comes to deal with them in judgment, while the armies on earth are ready to oppose Him. The use of the airship and the fiercest haste to perfect it and use it in warfare is very significant.

Russia's Advance upon Persia. While the eyes of the world have been centered upon Turkey and its revolution, resulting in a great victory for constitutionalism, the revolution in Persia has been but little noticed. A great struggle for liberty has been going on in the land of the Shah. That despot has been trembling for his throne and his life. Thousands have been killed and the whole Empire seems to be in a fearful chaotic condition. Russia, the "friendly" neighbor of Persia, however, has upheld the government in Persia, both by money and soldiers. The Shah appealed to Russia for help to restore order and Russia has answered. But this will be the pretext, no doubt, of a permanent occupation of parts of Persia by the Russian army and government. Russian political papers have agitated of late the seizure of points in Persia which would enable Russia to control the Mediterranean coasts of Asia Minor and make the Persian Gulf her highway to India. The *Nasha. Gazeta* published in St. Petersburg, boldly suggests the occupation of Azerbaijan, the military key of Armenia, and the Mesopotamian outlet to Bagdad, as well as to the waters of the Persian Gulf.

Russia will succeed in extending her territory into Persia and Armenia. Thus she will surround the holy land, Palestine. For years Russia has aimed to possess Palestine.

All this is of deep interest to the student of the Bible. Russia is Israel's last enemy. Russia's coming invasion of

Palestine and the awful end Russia will have, is prophetically described in Ezekiel, chapter xxxviii. With Russia are seen "many people." "Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee" (verse 9). Persia is mentioned as belonging to Russia in that day of invasion. The Russian advance into Persia is therefore of great significance.

Wars and Rumors of Wars. The complete defeat of the Turkish Empire is in sight. The allied armies gain victory upon victory and we should not be at all surprised if Constantinople will fall in their hands. History is being made fast in these days. Then there are the rumors of a great coming European war. The nations are preparing for war. Instead of turning their swords into plowshares, they turn the plowshares into swords. Disarmament is an idle dream. The revolution in Mexico goes on with all its horrors and no one knows how it all will end.

The days our Lord predicted are upon us. Wars and rumors of wars, soon to be followed by nation lifting up sword against nation (Matthew xxiv).

The United States and Mexico. There is no need to rehearse all the details of recent events in connection with the Mexican situation. Our country at last acted upon a trifling incident in comparison with the many outrages and murders committed against Americans in that land of bloodshed and crime—Mexico. Warships were rushed South, the thousands of men encamped in Southern Texas were rushed to the borders and then Mexico itself was invaded. Vera Cruz was taken. About four hundred Mexicans were killed in battle and seventeen American marines lost also their lives, while many more were

wounded. The flag of this country now floats over Vera Cruz. And yet our government declares that there is on war with Mexico. If the above capture of Vera Cruz is not warfare, then we do not know what is war.

At the same time the rebels threatened also the U. S. and, strange to say, the authorities became rather friendly with the villainous Villa to get his good will. This man, according to reports, is, perhaps, a greater criminal than Huerta. And now mediation is attempted. Assurances are given that no war will come, but all will be peaceably settled. Yet at the same time great preparations are made for war. Thousands of men are ready to go to battle. Train-loads of supplies and ammunitions are rushed South. The Constitutionalists threaten to continue their bloody work. One leader declared that he would set up a guillotine in one of the public parks when Mexico is taken and 10,000 of the better class would be killed. Lists of names are prepared already to help in these executions. Thus the French revolution is repeated. Can this government stand by and look on? How will it end? It remains to be seen, and we hope and pray that the awful events which threaten may be averted. Let us not forget that in all these events and upheavals God's Word is vindicated once more, for it predicts these very scenes down to the end of the age.

The United States of Europe. Sir Max Waechter, of London, has been spending enormous sums of late advertising his European Unity League. He is financing personally the scheme in bringing all Europe under one central government. Here is the plan, which he is advocating:

"If we are to abolish war and the ruinously expensive preparations for war that are now impoverishing Europe we must abolish

the disunion at present existing among the great powers. The antagonistic grouping of the six big nations into the triple alliance (Germany, Austria and Italy) and the triple entente (Great Britain, Russia and France), which has produced so much distrust and jealousy and wild competition in armaments, must give way to the sextuple alliance, and this will naturally lead to a general federation of European countries—the United States of Europe. Under present conditions all attempts to restrict armaments are bound to end in failure. Armaments can be restricted only if they become unnecessary; only when Europe is united.

“Unification should take place on a federal and economic basis—like the United States of America—leaving to each component nation the fullest possible measure of individual liberty and enabling it to deal with its own affairs in its own way. A feature of the Federation would be the elimination of the present customs boundaries. All Europe should form one great free trade market protected by a proper tariff against the nations without.

“Under the federation the two and a half billion dollars now spent by Europe annually on its armies and navies would go into the channels of trade and commerce and the five million soldiers and sailors, the strongest and healthiest men of their races, would be released to re-enter the field of production and to maintain themselves and others by the work of their hands, instead of being maintained by the rest of the population. In America enterprise is greater and wages are higher, largely because the wealth of the country is not drained away in the mad race for armaments.”

Peace by Force. One thousand million dollars is the amount spent by the world annually on armaments in order to maintain peace, according to the estimate of Senator Gervais, a leading authority on military matters, who has just published a striking article dealing with the stupendous growth of armies and navies in Europe.

“At the very moment when all nations profess the strongest aspirations toward universal peace,” he says, “Europe is in a perfect frenzy over military preparations.” He points out that aside from the Balkan trouble and the

new French and German army laws, which summon 1,500,000 men to the flag yearly, all Parliaments are confronted with projects for military reorganization and reinforcement.

England has its campaign in favor of compulsory service and a stronger territorial force. Spain's Parliament is discussing a bill to settle the problem of naval recruitment. Belgium is occupied with problems of militia and the best means to insure the country's neutrality in the event of a Franco-German conflict. Italy's Senate is engaged on a bill for army recruiting, which has already passed the Chamber of Deputies, with the object of increasing the peace standing by 25,000. Austria's War Minister is preparing a bill for raising the number of recruits from 197,000 to 220,000 in 1918, and the total peace standing from 464,000 to 600,000, while radical reforms are contemplated in army organization.

Of the world's expenditure of \$1,000,000,000 for the upkeep of armaments France's share last year was one-fifth. M. Gervais points out that the French army budget this year amounts to \$240,000,000. But does the Word of God promise such a peace by force? The true peace will be brought to this restless age by the Coming of the Prince of Peace.

The Balkan Chaos. Although it was early in August, 1913, that a treaty of peace was signed at Bucharest between the warring Balkan States, an outbreak is again probable as grave trouble is reported on the northern frontier of Albania whither Servia is sending 20,000 troops. The agreement between Turkey and Bulgaria and the delay in an agreement between the Ottoman and Greek governments is worrying the Greeks, who are afraid that

the unexpectedly rapid agreement between Turkey and Bulgaria covers an aggressive convention. On the other hand, pending the signature of the Turco-Bulgarian agreement, there are rumors of a hitch between these two countries and a possible reawakening of trouble.

It seems now only the question of time when the third Balkan War will break out.

The Fears of a Small Country. Belgium is one of the smallest countries in Europe. Situated as it is in case of a universal war it would be very much exposed to the invasion of different armies. Belgium is therefore preparing for the worst.

Belgium's continued activity in adopting certain well-defined measures of national defence and protection keeps alive in every one's mind the alarming idea that armed conflict in Europe is a thing to be expected. The government does not divulge what it believes or fears; it quietly goes ahead with its preparations, leaving the people to speculate as they will.

The Belgian army has been increased to a peace footing absolutely without precedent; never before has the country had so many men under arms in times of peace, and Antwerp, on the Scheldt, already one of the strongest fortresses of Europe, is rapidly being strengthened, evidently with the idea of making the city as near impregnable as possible. Belgium has a gold reserve of \$48,000,000; this is the national treasure. In order further to insure its safety a large part of this money has been moved from Brussels to Antwerp, the reason given being that the latter city is more secure in case of war. The national archives also have been transferred to the fortified metropolis for the same reason, a precaution which would not ordinarily be taken except at a time of national anxiety. These events, considered in connection with the recent mobilization and seemingly tending to show that the international outlook may not be as clear as is generally supposed, have caused much comment in Belgium.

It is a striking sign of the times, these fears of all the nations of the civilized world. Our Lord announced that at the close of this age there should be "upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity." Both "distress of nations" and "perplexity" are here. During 1914 this distress will become more intense and widespread. No relief can come till He comes who will speak peace to the nations and who maketh wars to cease (Ps. xlvi:9).

For the Peace of Christendom. In 1895 there existed in England a nation-wide demand for the overthrow of the Turkish empire. This demand was occasioned by the Armenian massacres in which many thousands of Christians lost their lives. Lord Salisbury on November 9th in that year delivered a significant address on the situation, from which we quote:

"Turkey is in that remarkable condition that it has stood for half a century, mainly because the great nations of the world have determined that **for the peace of Christendom the Ottoman Empire must stand.** They came to that decision nearly half a century ago. I do not think they have altered it now. The danger, if the Ottoman Empire should fall, would not merely be the danger that would threaten the territories of which the empire consists; it would be the danger that the fire there lit would spread to other nations, and involve all that is most powerful and civilized in Europe in a dangerous and calamitous conflict. That was a danger that was present to the minds of our Fathers when they resolved to make the integrity and independence of the Ottoman empire a matter of European treaty, **and that is a danger that has not passed away.**"

This was a political prophecy. The Ottoman empire is going to pieces and for months Europe has hovered on the verge of the most awful conflict known in human history. The danger is not passed. The crisis is still on.

The Peace Treaty. An Alliance against War. On

August 3, 1912 treaties of unlimited arbitration between the United States and France and the United States and England were signed. That this is an event of great importance as well as of deep significance no one doubts. A New York daily states "the event marks the dawn of a new and auspicious era in the affairs of the nations; it means that the two greatest republics, together with the greatest of empires, have in these compacts dedicated themselves to the cause of international peace and to that end have given a pledge that all controversies arising among them, even those involving questions of national honor, shall be settled in high courts of law and reason." Similar treaties with the German Empire, the Netherlands, Sweden and Japan are passing preliminary stages. The press, especially the religious and semi-religious, is enthusiastic about this great step towards "their millennium." Universal peace is now almost in sight, they declare. President Taft comes in for the greatest share of praise for this great achievement.

"Man's Day" seems now to have reached its height. Could this present evil age, as it is termed by God's Spirit, bring forth a greater achievement than a universal peace, without Him, who is the Prince of Peace? The god of this age, Satan, is a being of wonderful wisdom and intelligence. He anticipates the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to establish His glorious rule of righteousness and peace over this earth. He knows that the kingdoms of this earth which he still controls must soon become the kingdoms of God and His Christ. He knows that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all, in that He

hath raised Him from the dead. Satan knows that when the rightful King appears the second time, even this same Jesus, He will teach the nations to learn war no more. And now to blind the eyes of them that believe not, he brings about a movement which looks like a coming universal peace. Peace treaties, signing of papers, etc., do not mean the abolishment of war, that horrible, fearful thing of which a great general said, "War is hell." War is not a skin disease which can be cured by a few strokes of the pen and a few resolutions.

Peace will come. **It must come.** All the earth will find rest. Nations will have to turn their swords into pruning hooks and their spears into plowshares. Universal peace is bound to come and in its wake blessings untold for all the inhabitants of the earth. How do we know? Certainly not from the literature of heathen nations, nor from the writings of poets or philosophers. The Bible, the revelation of God, tells us about this great coming peace and blessing for the earth. But how will it be brought about? The Bible is not silent on that. It gives us God's purpose and method. Man's efforts cannot secure it. The present age called "Man's Day" (1 Cor. iv:3, marg. reading), does not wind up with a universal peace the result of legislation, nor with universal righteousness. The same Word which predicts a coming peace also predicts an apostasy, increasing unrighteousness and fearful judgments.

Universal peace, universal blessings and universal righteousness is in God's holy Word closely linked with the second personal coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The result of His glorious manifestation will be "peace on earth." His coming, however, is preceded by the greatest

upheavals the world has ever seen. With His coming judgments are bound to be executed, "for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness" (Isaiah xxvi:9). Peace without the Prince of Peace is a delusion. The student of the prophetic Word will find in these peace endeavors a striking confirmation of the predicted coming events. First a seeming peace established by political schemes and then that false peace will be taken from the earth (Rev. vi:1-4).

How Will It All End? The military conditions in Europe are staggering to say the least. Germany, France and England are running a race, each outdoing the other in military expenditures. They say it is needed to keep peace, an armed peace. It has been figured out that this "armed peace" is about as expensive as war itself. We print the latest statistics:

Cost of Armies and Navies.

| Country. | Expended for Army. | Expended for Navy. | Total Military Charge. |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Austria-Hungary.... | \$73,513,000 | \$13,731,000 | \$87,244,000 |
| France..... | 187,632,000 | 83,286,000 | 270,918,000 |
| Germany..... | 203,938,000 | 114,508,000 | 318,446,000 |
| Great Britain..... | 138,800,000 | 203,020,000 | 341,820,000 |
| Italy..... | 81,033,000 | 39,643,000 | 120,676,000 |
| Japan..... | 49,196,000 | 43,405,000 | 92,601,000 |
| Russia..... | 265,642,000 | 54,128,000 | 319,770,000 |
| Spain..... | 37,671,000 | 13,696,000 | 51,367,000 |
| Turkey..... | 42,071,000 | 6,223,000 | 48,294,000 |
| United States..... | 162,357,000 | 120,729,000 | 283,086,000 |
| Totals..... | \$1,241,853,000 | \$692,369,000 | \$1,934,222,000 |

The following table tells still another tale:

Increase for Armies and Navies Combined.

| Country. | 1881. | 1891. | 1901. | 1911. | Excess 1911 Over 1881. | Estimated Total for Thirty Years. |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|
| Austria-Hungary. | \$66,182,000 | \$64,317,000 | \$64,424,000 | \$87,244,000 | \$21,062,000 | \$2,094,540,000 |
| France | 156,154,000 | 185,448,000 | 204,580,000 | 270,918,000 | 114,764,000 | 6,035,640,000 |
| Germany | 102,509,000 | 144,434,000 | 205,783,000 | 318,446,000 | 215,937,000 | 5,606,945,000 |
| Great Britain | 126,256,000 | 157,575,000 | 445,115,000 | 341,820,000 | 215,564,000 | 6,367,280,000 |
| Italy | 49,455,000 | 80,777,000 | 78,709,000 | 120,676,000 | 71,221,000 | 2,445,515,000 |
| Russia | 103,881,000 | 145,206,000 | 208,811,000 | 319,770,000 | 215,889,000 | 5,658,425,000 |
| United States | 51,654,000 | 66,589,000 | 190,728,000 | 283,086,000 | 231,432,000 | 3,996,870,000 |
| Totals | \$656,091,000 | \$844,346,000 | \$1,402,150,000 | \$1,741,960,000 | \$1,085,869,000 | \$32,205,215,000 |
| Excluding the United States and Great Brit- ain. | | | | | | |
| | \$478,181,000 | \$620,182,000 | \$766,307,000 | \$1,117,054,000 | \$638,873,000 | \$21,841,065,000 |

A World Center Proposed. Hendrik Christian Anderson, the Norwegian-American sculptor of Newport, R. I., presented to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, during a private audience to-day, the results of his nine years' labor on the project for the establishment of a world center for international interests.

The king displayed much interest in the scheme, as one of the sites proposed for the new international city, which it is suggested shall be capable of housing 1,000,000 inhabitants, is in Tripoli.

It has been suggested here that this project might be developed in co-operation with Secretary of State Bryan's peace propaganda, in which it is proposed that the differences between any two nations shall be submitted to a commission appointed by both, which shall investigate the controversy and make findings of fact, without attempting to pass on the merits of the case. It is pointed out that, besides Italy, nine other nations have responded favorably to Secretary Bryan's suggestion.

Thus man plans during "man's day." "Let us make us a name" is the key note of all those big schemes. They are used by the god of this age, Satan, to lull a secure world to sleep. "Peace and safety" is what the world and apostate Christendom wants to hear. Sudden judgment will bring some day the terrible awakening.

The Balkan Situation. While peace has been arranged between Turkey and the Balkan Allies, the alliance of the States has ended in a deplorable failure. The Turks were forced to surrender all their European territory, with the exception of Constantinople. Other questions relating to Albania and a cash indemnity were left unsettled. Then the Allies began to fight among themselves.

"Without waiting, however, to conclude peace with Turkey, the Allies began to quarrel among themselves, and the press dispatches have reported actual armed conflicts. The tone of the press in all the Balkan capitals is defiant, and reports say the military preparations are more thorough than those preceding the war. Other dispatches represent the Balkan premiers as trying to smooth out the difficulties by a conference. Servia and Montenegro both claim northern Albania, while Greece and Bulgaria have come to blows over the territory of Salonika, the most precious conquest of the war. The London, Paris, and Berlin correspondents at Sofia say the Greeks provoked the battle which took place to the north of Salonika in which 300 Bulgarians were slain."

And now Servia and Bulgaria are fighting each other. A fierce war between the two seems threatening. Russia looks on as if awaiting the proper moment to swoop down upon these States. Even a possible outcome cannot be predicted. Turkey, as far as Europe is concerned, is ended. We shall follow the developments with much interest.

We Stand at Armageddon and we Battle for the Lord. With this sentence Mr. Theodore Roosevelt closed his famous speech in Chicago, where he was nominated candidate for the Presidency by a new party. This statement has since then been heralded all over the country with other quotations from the Word of God. It takes with the superficial masses ignorant of the meaning of the word "Armageddon." We fear even Mr. Roosevelt does not know the truth about Armageddon. That battle cannot be fought now. When this age closes the wicked forces will be gathered together to battle against the Lord, who

is about to come out of Heaven to deliver the remnant of His people. The battle of Armageddon will therefore take place at the very close of this age and will be fought in Palestine and not in the United States. When the day arrives the Lord does not need human help to overthrow the forces of evil, Antichrist and the apostate nations. The Lord will battle and win the victory. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He does judge and **make war**" (Rev. xix:11). "And I saw the beast and the Kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse and against His army" (Rev. xix:19). He that comes out of the Heaven is the Lord Jesus Christ and His armies are composed of the Saints of God and His holy angels. Then, when His blessed feet stand once more upon the Mount of Olives, He will fight against those nations and overthrow their power (Zech. xiv:1-5). The battle of Armageddon will mark the beginning of "The Day of the Lord." The statement "We stand at Armageddon and we battle for the Lord" is a catchword; these politicians do not stand at Armageddon nor can they battle for the Lord. All, however, is significant. Matters are hastening on rapidly towards the appointed end. Political, commercial, moral corruption and every other form of evil will increase till He comes, who will smite the earth with His righteous judgment and deal with Satan and his deluded victims.

We quote in connection with this Armageddon saying a poem, which appeared in the *N. Y. Sun*:

Spake the One, Supreme, Eternal, to the one who lives a day:
Why the drum beat and the bugle call and militant array?

Why the blatant voice resounding? Why the challenge and the boast?"

And the transient One made answer: "I have generalled Thy host; I have taken spear and buckler, I have girded on my sword, And I go to Armageddon to do battle for the Lord."

Spake the One, Supreme, Eternal: "Have I called on thee to save? Oh, My captains must be humble ere they clamor to be brave. Not for Me the boasting chieftain, nor the one who seeks his own, Not Goliath and his armor, but the lad with sling and stone. Yea! 'tis he who asks for nothing and who dreams of no reward, Who shall fight at Armageddon in the battle of the Lord."

Spake the One, Supreme, Eternal: "Cast thy clanking armor by; Fling thy sword to those who gave it; drain thy braggart fountain dry; Break thy sordid dream of power; set thy blinded followers free, Ere thou dare to raise My standard or presume to follow Me; Pledge thy soul to all disaster to fulfil my given word, Then go forth to Armageddon and do battle for the Lord."

The Peace Palace Dedicated. The Peace Palace in the Hague has at last been dedicated. It is a magnificent structure, beautiful to look at. If universal peace could be brought about by Peace conferences, Peace delegations, by resolutions or the dedication of a magnificent palace, it surely would be in sight. We have heard much of the soon-coming peace. But as we have repeatedly pointed out in these columns, the nations who have a hand in the Peace proclamations continue to arm. In fact such immense preparations for war as are being made now outdo anything and everything in past history. Even the Netherlands, where the Peace palace is situated, prepare for war. Time will tell what will become of the Peace palace and what will happen in it. We know from Scripture how Peace will come at last (Ps. xlvi:9; Zech. ix:10).

A New Invention for Modern Warfare. A new machine has been invented which will murder hundreds of men in the twinkling of an eye:

The deadly fighting machine is the invention of a Norwegian engineer and has been named for him the Aasen mine. It consists of a metal cylinder with a cone-shaped top. Enclosed in this are two pounds of a new explosive more powerful than anything now in use, and four hundred projectiles of various shapes and sizes.

The mine is buried in the earth and attached to it is an electric cable which can be extended to almost any distance. An explosion can be produced only by sending a current through the cable. Unless the mine's mechanism is put in motion by an electric current it remains perfectly harmless. Rifle bullets can even be fired into it without the least danger of its exploding.

But the minute an electrical connection is made at the other end of the cable the mine shoots up through the thin layer of earth which covers it.

In tests made in Norway one of these mines worked destruction over an area more than eight hundred yards square. There seems little doubt that two or three of them exploded at the right places could annihilate a whole army.

The small size of these mines makes them easy to carry for long distances. They can be shipped on trains or steamers in perfect safety, for they cannot explode unless a current of electricity is turned into their mechanism. The inventor claims that they can remain buried in the ground for years without deteriorating in the slightest degree.

French army officers who have been studying this new invention declare it to be the deadliest weapon yet devised and that it makes individual courage a factor that can be entirely neglected in the wars of the future.

This also belongs to the boasted triumphs of the twentieth century civilization. How terrible it will be should these new explosives, new inventions, high-power machine guns be put in practice! It will surely come during that time of great tribulation with which the present age, according to divine prediction, will end.

Religious Apostasy.

No Successors of Bradlaugh and Ingersoll? In an address before the Central Y. M. C. A. in the City of Toronto, Mr. George Jackson, Pastor of the Sherbourne Street M. E. Church, who will take up soon a professorship in Victoria College of that denomination, denied boldly the inspiration of the accounts given in Genesis concerning the Creation, the Fall, the Deluge, etc. He declared that these accounts are neither historic nor scientific, but a collection of legends having a deep religious meaning. At the close of his address this critic made the statement that neither Bradlaugh nor Ingersoll had had successors, and they never would, because a changed method of interpretation had robbed them of their miserable stock in trade.

There is some truth in this; but this preacher does not see the true reason why Ingersoll has had no successor, nor will have one. It is not true that Higher Criticism has robbed infidels of their stock of trade. It is positively false. The truth is Higher Criticism has accepted the stock of trade of infidels like Thomas Paine, Renan, Voltaire, Bradlaugh and Ingersoll and the professors and preachers who deny the inspiration and revelation of the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis, the chapters, which contain the foundation truths of the entire Bible, are

the legitimate successors of infidel lecturers like the forgotten Ingersoll. There is no need for such infidel lecturers in our times because hundreds of preachers do the same work more successfully, than Ingersoll ever did. Of the two, an outspoken infidel, who disowns all connection with Christianity and a man, who professes Christianity but undermines the faith in God's Word and denies the authority of the Bible, the former is certainly the more honest of the two. The hand of the evil master, who stands behind these continued attacks, is seen in the fact, that these men with their "infidel stock of trade" are put into a position where they can reach and influence the immature minds of the young. We have of late heard of other men of the same stamp, who left the pastorate and became professors to teach their miserable errors.

We are thankful that our friend, Dr. Elmore Harris, of Toronto, wrote such a vigorous and able reply to the remarks of Mr. Jackson. Mr. Harris says at the close of his remarks the following:

As one whose lifelong interest in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association is well known, I sincerely hope that the Board of Directors of the Central Young Men's Christian Association will at as early a date as possible repudiate the statements of the lecturer who under their auspices has recently spoken so disparagingly of a portion of the Word of God, found in the Holy Scriptures of the Old Testament which constituted the Bible of our Lord, and of which the Greatest Apostle wrote: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." Such destructive utterances regarding a portion of the Sacred Scriptures reveal to us the absolute impossibility of reconciling, as some have hoped to do, the contending parties on the great question of Biblical criticism.

We have not heard if the directors of the Toronto Y. M. C. A. have acted on this request.

"The Time Will Come," remarked a skeptic to the philosopher, "when men will no more believe in God than they now believe in ghosts." "Should that time come," was the rejoinder, "they will begin again to believe in ghosts." And this time does not need to come. It is here already.

Christian Endeavorers' Convention. Thousands of Endeavorers gathered in Atlantic City, N. J., during July. President Taft was there and was introduced by Dr. Clark. Of course Mr. Taft's address was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm. That Mr. Taft is an out-spoken Unitarian, who denies the Lord of Glory, is too well known to need restatement. The Endeavor movement is evidently corrupting itself and must be looked upon as siding with the apostasy.

Triumphant Romanism. The unsettled, drifting and apostate conditions of Protestantism are now constantly used by the Romish "church" to show that the reformation movement is a tremendous failure. Roman Catholicism lifts its head and realizes the great opportunity it has in the English speaking world. Its claims become more bold and vigorous. It is the beginning of that revival, which the Word predicts for the end time. As reported in our November issue the Ecumenical Conference on Methodism endorsed more or less the destructive Criticism, which is so prominent in that denomination. A leading Roman Catholic periodical, published in Canada, makes the following comment:

"We can well remember the day when Catholics throughout the world were pictured as the enemies of the Bible, simply because the Church insisted that every Tom, Dick, and Harry was not

competent to interpret it as they pleased. The Toms, Dicks, and Harrys of our Methodist brethren have certainly been instrumental in creating a great deal of confusion in their own fold, and, after we have read their utterances, we are not surprised at *The Guardian's* admission that Methodism somehow is losing its grip all along the line. These Methodist critics of the pulpit who are preaching their doubts have unsettled the simple faith of the rank and file; and, in the course of the debate, the pathetic admission stands out forcibly that the people sitting in the pews are looking wistfully and vainly to the pulpits for the assurance that there is at least some one thing upon which Methodist faith can rest."

What a clever argument! The next thing is that "mother church" as they term their system (the Mother of harlots according to the Bible) alone has the foundation upon which faith rests. And such language blinds the eyes of thousands of unsaved "Protestants" who sooner or later will be swallowed up by Rome. Rome is, has been and ever will be the enemy of the Bible.

A Common Religion as the Hope of the World. Some time ago there was held in London the "Universal Races Congress." One of the leaders, Sir Harry Hamilton Johnston, Vice-President of the Royal Anthropological Institute, suggests now in *The Contemporary Review* a universal religion for all races, and according to his views such a religion would solve forever the problems of race differences, race aversion, hatred, malice in strife. It would be the hope of the human race.

"If only we could agree upon a common interracial religion, and that the most simple, undogmatic form of Christianity—Christianity without the creeds that were unknown to Christ! The Christian principles that were laid down in the authentic gospels and epistles still remain unsurpassed as a rule of conduct, as a basis of practical ethics. They are unconnected with totemism, sabbaths, fetish-worship, mysticism, vexatious observances, litanies, and the

disputable adjuncts of a religion. If we could agree to define and adopt such a basis and make it the state of religion of every country, with leave to each person and community to add, on their own account, the elaborations of ritual necessary to some individualities, we should have gone far to establish a brotherhood of man, a brotherhood which need not mean necessarily a mingling of blood, but a common sympathy and interest in the development of humanity. Applying Christian principles, the white man would treat the other races of mankind with kindness and justice, without scorn or harsh impatience; and they, on their part, would co-operate with him in the tremendous struggle with the blind and heartless forces of nature which ever and again seem to threaten man's very existence."

In such an interracial religion in which Christian principles are maintained, he sees the great advancement of the nations in thus bringing them together.

"Japan would make a tremendous step forward in the comity of nations if to-morrow she declared her state religion to be undogmatic Christianity. The only hope for the continued survival of the Turkish dynasty and empire is for it to have no state religion at present, so that Christianity and Judaism may be placed on at least an equal footing with Islam, so that mass may once more be sung at St. Sophia's, and Jerusalem be restored to the Jews as a religious center, while Christians would be allowed to visit Mecca as freely as Mohammedans are permitted to enter St. Peter's, St. Paul's, St. Mungo's of Glasgow, or St. Sofia's Church at Kief."

But what is this "undogmatic Christianity?" A denial of Christianity itself. Certain ethical teachings, which are also found in some heathen religions, are to be enforced, but Christianity itself, which is not a system of ethics, but a Person, is to be rejected. All civilized nations surely can be united in a universal, common religion, which excludes the Person of the Son of God, the Death of the Cross and the great redemption truths made known by the Holy Spirit come down from heaven. Unitarianism, Universalism, Christian Science, Bahaism

and parts of Protestantism which endorse the New Theology can fall in line with such a scheme. These suggestions are not new. But never before have things been so ready for a practical demonstration as now. Satan's universal church, the predicted anti-Christian world-church is in sight.

Confusion Worse Confounded. Zion City, founded by the late deluded John Alexander Dowie, seems to have become the Mecca of all the cranks of the different fanatical and fantastic movements. During the past summer seventeen religious bodies, representing thousands of adherents, held their gatherings in Zion. These includde the following:

"Christian Catholic Apostolic Church, Overseer Volivia; Christian Catholic Church, Overseer Daniel Bryant; Original Dowieite Church, Elder Taylor; Star Christian Catholic Church, Overseer J. A. Lewis; Pentecostal Vineyard Workers, Elder Brooks; Parhamites, Holy Rollers, Christian Assembly, Seventh Day Adventists, Original Methodist Church, Feet Washers, Free Lovers, Colored Dowieites, Banner Bearers and Latter Day Saints."

What heresy, confusion and wickedness these names represent! Yet they all seem to prosper and all report numerical and financial increase. Besides these bodies there are scores of other cults which belong to the same class.

A Bishop's Statements. Among the many reports sent to us recently about men, who deny the faith and reject the Bible as the holy and infallible Word of God, were some which relate to the utterances of Bishop W. F. McDowell of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the

First M. E. Church of Evanston, Ill., he boldly defended the modern conception of the inspiration of the Scriptures and put himself on the side of "Higher Criticism."

"One may still have fellowship with God and surmise that the Pentateuch was not written by Moses; that the Levitical legislation was post-exilian; that the book of Isaiah is of composite authorship; that the book of Daniel is a story to illustrate how God keeps watch, over his own; that the book of Job is a dramatic putting of the problem of evil in the world, and that Jonah is an allegory setting forth the universality of God's love.

"We may even go farther than that. We may admit that the Bible as we have it is a book derived from secondary sources; that the autographs of the evangelists and apostles irrevocably have been lost; that there are omissions and interpolations, glosses, and misreadings numerous enough to be discouraging; that genealogies and chronologies, are hopelessly confused; and that there are discrepancies of statement about matters of fact which are not to be reconciled. I say we may admit all that and still realize that in its central feature of its commission as a veritable word of God, it is so full, so final, so clean cut, so intelligible, so authoritative, that the wayfaring man has to be a superabundant fool who seriously errs with respect to it."

What schoolboy talk this is! As one, who claims a high position in a denomination and makes such statements, his responsibility certainly is great. Yet we were told that he used to be a believer in the second, pre-millennial coming of Christ. We have watched others, who gave up the blessed hope some years ago and now they have lost their spiritual conception and power and follow error.

The drift downward is pronounced in Methodism. Some of their Bishops, professors and preachers deny the fundamentals. One of their book-agents has stated in

print the infidel theories of Paine and Voltaire. No wonder that many loyal preachers and members of that denomination are saddened and perplexed. What shall we do? This question has often been put to us. The Word is clear. "From such turn away." Read 2 John, verses 9-11.

Optimistic Visions. A few years before the nineteenth century closed the late Dr. Talmage preached a sermon on "a revival in Washington." He predicted that before the year 1900 would begin, a great revival would start in Washington and sweep over the entire world. We came recently across a quotation from that sermon.

The Senators of the United States will announce to the State Legislatures that sent them here, and members of the House of Representatives will report to the congressional districts that elected them, and the many thousands of men and women now and here engaged in the many departments of national service will write home, telling all sections of the country that the Lord is here, and that he is on the march for the redemption of America. Hallelujah! the Lord is coming! I hear the rumbling of His chariot wheels. I feel on my cheeks the breath of the white horses that draw the victor! I see the flash of His lanterns through the whole night of the world's sin and sorrow! . . . Lord God of Joshua! Let the sun of this century stand still above Gibeon and the moon above the valley of Ajalon until we can whip out the five kings of hell, tumbling them down the precipices as the other five kings went over the rocks of Bethhoran. Ha! Ha! It will so surely be done that I can not restrain the laugh of triumph.

These are indeed "great swelling words." The year 1900 came, but the revival in Washington did not show up. Since then we have heard similar predictions of sweeping revivals, the soon coming conversion of the world, the redemption of the masses, and what not. But all these things have not materialized and the spiritual

condition of Christendom to-day is far more desperate than it was ten years ago.

Rome Unchanged. Rome in her hatred of the Gospel and God's Holy Word is unchanged. Abundant evidence to this effect can easily be gathered in countries where she still has the power. Before us is a communication from a dear brother upon whose heart it was laid to scatter the Scriptures and preach the Gospel in the Canary Islands. The priests and the Romish bishop, hating the Gospel, brought about his arrest, and he was put into a vile dungeon and the guard was told to beat him severely in case he did not obey in all things. The brother writes:

"The dungeon was damp and dark and the earthen floor was covered with filth, so that the stench was something awful. There was no chair, not even a straw bed to lie upon. After groping on the floor I discovered two men who had been placed in the dungeon the day before. No food nor even a drink of water had been given to them, so they were desperately hungry and thirsty. I told them later that I would pray for them. But hearing this they became frightened and said, O Sir, if you pray the guard will come and beat us and put a gag in your mouth. One of the prisoners said that he had seen instruments of torture as they used in the days of the inquisition, and that one man was so badly beaten that he died immediately after and was buried like a dog."

After a few days of suffering this brother was released. He also says that he was arrested three times during his stay in the islands, spit upon and stoned. The windows of the little mission and the furniture were broken, etc. Similar persecutions take place almost constantly in Central and South America. "She repents not" we read

of her in the book of Revelation. If Rome had the power she would instigate the same persecutions in this country. And she is reaching out for that power.

Apostasy Ripening. Numerous clippings from different parts of the country have reached us, which give reports of men and institutions oppcsing the Bible and the Truth of God. Many of our readers tell us in letters of preachers who deny the Bible and sneer at the Gospel. Everywhere good people are perplexed, and those whc know the truth and love their Bibles are greatly burdened and ask—What is to be done? The conditions of apostasy are upon us. They cannot be changed. The tares will be in the field till the harvest comes, which is the end of this age. God expects of His people to be loyal to His Word and loyal to His blessed Son. This loyalty must be expressed in separation from evil. May He help us in His Grace to stand boldly for His Truth! The Reward is in sight.

Making Sport with God's Law. The Holy Law of God is often ridiculed. Apostate Jews and apostate Christians laugh at the divine statement that God wrote the ten commandments upon the tables of stone. Others speak of revising the commandments and recently there appeared in the daily papers humorous ten commandments for wives and a similar set for husbands, mocking God's commandment and law, which is holy, just and good (Rom. vii:12). All this shows the spirit of the age.

Death and Hell Ridiculed. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. ix:27). This is the simple declaration of the Word of God. The wages of sin is death. "Through one man sin entered into the

world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all sinned" (Rom. v:12). How the solemn fact of death is made light of and God's revelation concerning man's condition is defied may be learned from the organization of "The Jolly Pallbearers' Club" in St. Louis, Mo.:

"The Jolly Pallbearers' Club," whose purpose it is to get what joy there is out of a funeral, has become an organized body. Chief mourners were delegated, officers were elected and a bit of crape was decided on as a badge of membership.

They propose, wholly and singly, not to let a funeral dirge dampen the ardor of their spirits, and to lay a club companion away in his final resting place with as much good cheer as ever characterizes the initiation of a new member.

A clubhouse has been provided and there the mutuality of life and the probability of death will be lightsomely discussed. The motto of the club is "Joy," with a band of crape around it.

They believe in the words of Joe Simmins, one of the promoters, that "there's too much gloom in grief," and that there are really attractive chances of enjoyment in a properly conducted funeral.

Special inducements to members to die in membership will be made, so that the club may enjoy as many occasions as possible for unconfined mirth.

Surely this outdoes heathenism. The heathen at least acknowledge the solemnity of death and express their sorrow. But here are people who would make the wages of sin an occasion of mirth and jollification. What defiance!

Still worse is the ever-increasing denial of "judgment to come" and the punishment of the wicked. The whole country is being flooded with the miserable sheets of Russell's institution. The headlines state "**Hell Officially Abolished in Washington.**" The "Bible Students" of Millennial Dawnism, or, as they call themselves, Inter-

national Bible Student Association, held a meeting in Washington months ago and passed certain resolutions about their denials of the everlasting punishment of the wicked. Ever since they have sent abroad their blasphemous sheets. How any sane person could ever believe that "hell can be officially abolished in Washington" we cannot understand. But multitudes want to believe it, for they live in sin.

What an awful awakening will come ere long! When God vindicates His Word these wicked apostates will know that "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. x:31).

The Riches of Rome. Few people know of the immense wealth and princely luxuries with which the man is surrounded, who claims to be the successor of Peter, the poor Galilean fisherman. The revenue of the present pope, who lives in a magnificent palace, is \$3,000,000 a year. The following gives a little idea of the treasures of the Vatican:

According to an approximate valuation made several years ago the treasures of the Vatican, including the Basilica of St. Peter, and the Lateran Museums, as well as the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, which also enjoys the privilege of extra territoriality, are worth considerably over \$200,000,000. The following figures are given:

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| Picture galleries of the Vatican..... | \$1,600,000 |
| Egyptian Museum..... | 12,200,000 |
| Numismatic collection..... | 5,000,000 |
| Museum of ancient statuary..... | 20,000,000 |
| Other minor collections..... | 3,000,000 |
| Vatican library..... | 40,000,000 |
| Vatican archives..... | 16,000,000 |
| Ancient furniture in the Vatican..... | 5,000,000 |
| Tapestry and other stuffs..... | 1,200,000 |

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| Jewelry and precious stones..... | 14,000,000 |
| St. Peter's Church with statuary, marbles, mosaics, sacred objects, and vestments, etc..... | 40,000,000 |
| Lateran museums, including the treasures and relics in in St. John Lateran..... | 20,000,000 |
| Papal Palace of Castel Gandolfo..... | 3,000,000 |

The historical interest attaching to every art object in the Vatican collections, the unique character of most of the ancient statues, bas reliefs and other archaeological specimens, and many other similar special considerations have to be taken into account in estimating the value of the treasures of the Holy See. It is obvious that any valuation under such conditions can only be approximate.

Rome and the Vatican are prophetically described in Rev. xvii and xviii. Read these chapters and notice the luxuries mentioned. Silver, gold, precious stones, pearls, every article of ivory, marble, etc., are enumerated. The bodies and souls of men are also found there. But more than that: "In her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that had been slain on the earth" (Rev. xviii:24). Some day she will be remembered and be stripped of all her luxuries and glories by God's own hand.

Heathendom and Scoffing. Paris held recently a great festival in honor of the "Sun." Many thousands took part in it. Eloquent speeches were delivered in praise of "the Sun." There was much merry-making and "Sundancing." All sports and ceremonies were in honor of the Sun. With it there was much debauchery and licentiousness. An old heathen sun-worshipper of past ages would have delighted in it and would have been perfectly at home. It is a sure return to the idolatries of the past, a fact which the Bible predicts, that men shall turn back to the fables and ceremonies of heathendom. Read Ezekiel

viii:16. That was one of Israel's sins before the Lord judged Jerusalem. In the United States there are thousands of Sun-worshippers, who really worship the Sun. Abdul-Baha, the leader of Bahaism, is an idolator of the Sun. This heathen spoke in "churches" of various denominations in our country.

And Paris scoffs at divine things. Of late the fashionable people give parties in honor of their pet-dogs, when they are "baptized"; the whole thing is an outright mockery. How long will God stand it?

Sound Doctrine Abandoned and the Itching Ears. We have little to say on the spiritual conditions of many of the churches in this land. If we were to make use of all we see and hear, as well as the many newspaper clippings and personal incidents sent to us by our friends, we fear we would have to devote many pages of this book to this subject. This we cannot do nor do we like to do it. Yet it is necessary to call attention to it. Many of the modern "churches" are nothing else than clubs and societies for social, musical and intellectual entertainment. The men who pose as leaders and preachers are at best self-seeking men, who were perhaps never born again, blind leaders of the blind. No wonder Rome laughs and with a sneer points to Protestantism as "Babylon (confusion) the Great."

Before us is a newspaper advertisement from Los Angeles. The pastor of the *Temple Auditorium* announces himself as "the brilliant, fearless, earnest preacher, who makes you think." His topic on a certain evening was, "The Man of the House; Is He the Head of the House?" The third in a series, "How to be Happy

Though Married." A special solo is promised entitled "*Daddy*." Another preacher declared to be "one of the most brilliant and scholarly pulpit orators" was to speak that same evening on "Doctor S. of Denver." What scholarship is needed to preach on Doctor S. of Denver (what it means we do not know) we fail to see. The advertisement has a full-sized portrait of the preacher. The entire thing is nauseating. But 1 John iv:5 applies to such men, "They are of the world, therefore they speak of the world and the world hears them."

While in Boston a few weeks ago we were told that Dr. Johnson, another great "divine" (as they call them) announced that he would speak on "the hobble skirt." Of course he had a big crowd of silly women and men as well as curiosity seekers and cranks of every description for which Boston has such a great reputation. According to the *Boston Globe*, this is what he said:

"There is no more potent influence for good in the modern community to-day than feminine fashion. Not only are the ever changing fashions of women one of the chief delights of civilized communities, but it is a safe statement to make that we have to-day no more conclusive key to a woman's mental and moral development than the clothes she wears. The man or woman who dresses the best, whose personal habits are the most irreproachable, is, in all the countries of the earth, the man or woman whose mental and moral development is the highest advanced. A girl or a woman who is self-respecting will always dress fashionably and well. The hobble skirt, the peach basket hat, high-heeled shoes, and all the thousand and one foibles of the feminine sex are entertaining and products of good. A girl who, on the other hand, does not care about dress and the latest fashions is not a normal girl."

"The young man who contemplates marriage nowadays may fight shy of the girl of fashion, but he makes a mistake. He may be a gainer at first financially, but in the end he pays a terrible price

for his shortsightedness. The girl who is lax about her personal appearance is lax mentally and morally. She is not made of the stuff that turns out self-respecting children. She is either a visionary, and as such an unreliable element in the community, or she is downright lax and shiftless. In either case she is not a safe proposition for the ordinary young man."

We asked our informant if this man has anyone to hear him and were told that "his" church is packed. What a testimony this is to the spiritual conditions of the present day. These men make of the unsaved masses who come to hear them "twofold more the child of hell." The Lord's Word is meant for such "Woe unto you, ye blind guides" (Matthew xxiii:16). Poor man! does he not know that the very luxuries he mentions have been the snare and are the snare into which thousands of girls fall every year to the destruction of their bodies and souls.

From Detroit, Mich., we learn that a moving picture show and theatre is to be conducted by some churches. They have not yet decided whether to keep open on Sunday or not. The Central M. E. Church of that city is giving occasionally moving picture shows for their young folk.

But this will suffice. One dislikes to hold up those sad things to the light. Others we might mention we gladly cover up. Still God's people everywhere should be reminded that the time has come of which the Holy Spirit speaks in 2 Tim. iv:3: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears." **That time is here.**

The Downward Road of the Y. M. C. A. We have called attention from time to time to the drifting con-

ditions of many Y. M. C. A. institutions. Of course there are many associations under the leadership of earnest secretaries, spiritual men who are as much grieved over these sad conditions as we are, but they seem to become less in number. The following paragraph is taken from the "Christian Sentinel," the most prominent Christian Science paper in the country:

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. An audience that occupied about all the seat space in the Colonial Theatre heard Miss Mary Brookins last night (June 17) deliver a lecture on Christian Science. Oscar L. Cox, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Salt Lake, introduced Miss Brookins, reading from a carefully prepared speech. He said in part:

"Utah's welfare demands the spirit of religious tolerance which the Christian Science church has shown by inviting me to speak a word of preface this evening, for I am one whom somewhat careful thought has caused to accept the statement of religious truth as put forth by another denomination than your own. No man should fail these days to secure active identification with that church which stirs his heart to repentant shame for yesterday's failure and to courageous planning for to-day's victory. He need not attempt to coerce his intellect into the acceptance of his present or any other profession—the intellect cannot be coerced. It must be fed with fact and then followed.

"I am glad that it is my honor to present the speaker of the evening, not as representing my personal viewpoint on religious matters, since I work with another church group, but because she comes to us with the ripe culture of thought and study, bringing the Christian Science viewpoint to our attention in such a manner that we may be intelligent in its consideration."

The N. Y. Christian Advocate (Methodist) comments on this as follows:

"That secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in Salt Lake, surrounded by Mormonism of the Bingham Young type, which is far from Christianity in its

doctrines and teachings, has himself to justify for introducing Christian Science 'as a church' and encouraging the members of the Christian Science organization not to make any particular efforts to change their views. He seems not to understand that nineteen-twentieths of the evils and the foolish ideas in the world arise from one's own disposition and desires which coerce the intellect.

"Logically, this man, representing the Young Men's Christian Association of Salt Lake, laid a platform for hobnobbing with the Mormons. Every word that he has here uttered would apply to them. Christian Science, in several respects, is as far from Christianity as the Mormon religion.

"It should not be inferred from these references that we would suppress by law or by mob Spiritualists, Christian Scientists, non-polygamous Mormons. Citizens can choose their own religion. The question is what a professedly Christian representative of a Christian organization for the benefit of young men should do, or be allowed to do.

"There should be some general supervision of the Young Men's Christian Association. Not infrequently some secretary or other official places the association in a very bad light."

This is about as bad as we have heard yet. Some years ago, the Pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, presided over a Christian Science meeting, the first, we believe, which ever was held in that city. He wished them God's speed. That city has since then become a northwestern stronghold of this anti-christian cult. Men who can endorse and welcome Christian Science are either totally ignorant of what this

Science falsely so called stands for, or they have never been born again, possess no spiritual life and therefore talk as natural men. We believe the latter is more the case than the former.

The Brotherhood Federation. The following is taken from *The Daily Mail and Empire*, published in Toronto:

The Brotherhood Federation of Canada bids fair to prove one of the greatest organizations in connection with men's societies of the Canadian churches. It has affiliated with it the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Phillip, the Methodist Young Men's Association, the Baptist Young Men's Association, and the Congregational Brotherhood. The aims of the federation are to promote a closer relation between the church and the men, and to reach the great masses of people who are not in touch with religion. In fact, one of the chief characters of the federation is its evangelicalism, and the first clause in the constitution of the organization is that no society may affiliate unless it recognizes this important phase. Its great object is to make religion attractive to the average man, and to reach out individually and secure men for Christ. The Brotherhood Federation is interdenominational, and invites any society or organization to affiliate with it who will respect its ideals, and lend its assistance in the great evangelical work.

Federation and combination is the program of "churchism" of the future. All kinds of associations, alliances, brotherhoods, clubs and societies on religious ground were started during the last twenty-five years and now these are to be amalgamated into one great federation.

The words "evangelical" and "evangelism" are maintained, but stripped of their meaning. Religion of some kind is put in the place of salvation and religion is to be made attractive to the average man. From this kind of federation it is expected that the threatening collapse of churches, which have a name to live but are dead, may be averted. But it is Babylon pure and simple.

"Not by might or by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts" (Zech. iv:6). It is significant that the Hebrew word translated "might" means "a host combined" a "team."

World Conference for Church Union. A very significant attempt is being made now to bring all Christendom together. One marked feature of this movement, in which it has departed from any previous effort, is its Catholic nature. It is not an attempt of Protestantism to ally itself into one camp, but its scope includes both the Roman Catholic and the Greek churches. During the last half of June commissions of English and American preachers met in Lambeth palace, London, to evolve a plan whereby the unity of Christendom can be accomplished. Lambeth palace where the delegates of all denominations meet is the home of the Archbishop of Canterbury. We quote from an article of the *New York Sun* showing the attitude of the Roman and Greek churches towards this movement:

At an interview by appointment between two members of the commission and Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore the Roman Catholic prelate expressed much friendly interest in the subject, a desire to be kept in touch with the progress of the movement and a conviction both that clear statement of positions would show them to be nearer together than they had supposed and that nothing but good could come of the effort to promote the spirit in which such a conference should be undertaken. The interview was closed with prayer offered by the Cardinal.

Archbishop Platon, the ruling prelate in this country of the Holy Orthodox Eastern Church, which is the national church of Russia, Greece and many of the Eastern Mediterranean countries, was equally favorable and satisfactory in his expressions of interest and willingness to help. The Archbishop said very plainly that the subject should have his best attention; that he would co-operate in every way possible as far as his communion in America was con-

cerned, and that whenever the commission should communicate formally with him with regard to the great conference he would give the communication cordial approval and would further co-operate in transmitting it to the Holy Governing Synod in Russia.

Every true Christian, who knows what the Bible teaches concerning the ecclesiastical conditions in the close of the present age, will at once realize that we are here face to face with a most significant move. Commercial, political, ecclesiastical federations are on the program of the age. Babylon is almost in sight; it spells "concentration and confusion." We shall keep our readers informed on what is done by this world conference.

One word more. In looking over the Presbyterian, Baptist, etc., delegates, who are interested in this scheme, we found at least five men, who say they believe in the second premillennial Coming of Christ and in the blessed Hope. We feel sorry for them. They are in very bad company.

Put Him Out. On Easter Sunday evening the pastor of one of the largest Methodist churches in New York City preached a sermon on Socialism. When he had finished his "sermon" he announced that all those who wished could stay and ask questions. The whole audience remained and a Socialist tried to explain different matters. A tumult followed during which shouts came from all over the house. Then a man arose, the daily papers stated that he is a member of the church, and he made the statement to the preacher: "**Am I worshipping in the house of God or is this a political convention?**" The pastor upon this plain statement got furious. "Put that man out!" he cried. "Have him arrested! I'll sign the complaint myself in court to-morrow." The head usher laid hold

on the man who had made the pointed protest and was hurried down the aisle and out into the street.

Comment is hardly necessary on this. The daily Press ridiculed this sad performance and rightly so. We know of other cases where good Christian men were forced out of the denominations because their scriptural testimony and protest against false teaching was obnoxious to the preachers and the majority of their adherents.

The Apostasy as seen in Missionary Movements. During the past year in great missionary meetings a prominent Unitarian was permitted to take a leading part and give the principal addresses. This is but another betrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ and surely the Holy Spirit cannot sanction movements in which the enemies of the Cross of Christ are recognized and fellowship with such is fostered. The denier of the Deity of our blessed Lord, though he be a prominent person is a lost soul just like the most miserable fetich worshipper in Africa. The World Mission Conference in different ways shows the drift of the times. The following we quote from "*The Nation*" (London):

The freshest and most striking note of the World Mission Conference is the ungrudging tribute it paid, with one or two orthodox caveats thrown in, to the finer elements in the non-Christian religions of the East. This marks a great advance. A generation back, even three-quarters of a century ago, an important minority of missionaries, path-finders in the science of comparative religion, attached great weight to the study of the Sacred Books of the East. But their views were not favored by the rank and file of their fellow-workers. The average missionary was afraid of flattering native pride and discounting the authority of the Christian religion by admitting subordinate and collateral revelations. Various causes have contributed to the great change of which the

Conference is a witness. The doctrine of the Divine Fatherhood has driven the reprobationary theologian into obscurity, and encouraged the more modern men to search native literature for "traces of the light that lighteth every man." Closer intimacy with native life has compelled those who have cultivated it to recognize that the non-Christian world has saints and moralists, and that the succession has not failed. Wider experience has driven the missionary worker to the conclusion that the lines of thought already established within the native mind must be followed, if a vivid and intelligible presentation of his own faith is to be attained.

The spirit of anti-Christ and departure from the faith delivered to the saints breathes in these words of comment. According to these statements the heathen religions of the East have in them finer elements, that they also possess "Sacred Books," that there is a "Divine Fatherhood" which includes all the heathen and that they possess "the light that lighteth every man" and that the non-Christian religions also have "Saints." These utterances are in full line with the famous, or rather **infamous** Congress of the World's Religions held in Chicago during the great fair. They show how all is drifting towards Unitarianism and Universalism. If these things are true as stated above in the quoted paragraph, then why go to the heathen at all with Christianity? Let them alone if the great heathen world is not completely lost and away from God. But what becomes of the most positive declarations of God's revelation concerning the condition of mankind outside of Christ? These solemn declarations are either modified, read, as they tell us in the light of the Twentieth Century, or completely disbelieved as being the inspired Words of God. The denial of the inspiration of the Bible, the evil seed sown by the destructive Bible criticism, is bringing a harvest. These unscriptural

conceptions are likewise the result of that modern dream, which has no foundation in the Bible, that the world must be converted in this age. To what errors and corruption of doctrine has not Post-millennialism led its adherents.

The “New Christianity” again. The pleas for a new religion, a new Christianity are becoming more numerous, more outspoken and they are finding the willing ears of the great mass of the people. During the past weeks and months the so-called “Divinity School” of the Chicago University has come to the front with some very bold infidel utterances. The following appeared in hundreds of newspapers all over the land:

Members of the University of Chicago Divinity school faculty have defined and formulated the characteristics of a “new Christianity.”

The professors note the arrival of a new type of religion in an official editorial in the current of the Biblical World, just issued by the university press.

In the anonymous editorial, responsibility for which is accepted by the thirteen editors, the university authorities point to the coming of the “new Christianity” as a type of faith which shall result in the releasing of man’s minds from the bonds of tradition and creed, accept the results of the scientific and deal in every day works more than in theological subtleties. The religion is described as “scientific, ethical, practical and altruistic.”

After stating the necessity of scientific study the author of the editorial proceeds:

“If there be a controversy between Genesis and geology the new Christianity will stand with geology. The record left in the strata of the earth cannot be impugned by the poet of the prescientific age, even though that poet be also

a prophet of a higher conception of God than had before his day prevailed. In conformity to the same principle the new Christianity will accept the assured result of historical readers into the records of ancient times. Religion has its rights, but so also has history, and one of these is that it be studied by historical methods."

Such language is more than shocking. It is **Satanic!** It is Anti-christ coming to the front and wishing to be heard. The new Christianity, that child of the pit which rejects both an infallible Word of God and an infallible Christ is bound to come. A little while longer and it will sweep everything till divine judgment sweeps it from the earth forever.

The Beatification of Joan d'Arc.—Recently the Pope beatified the maid of Orleans, Joan d'Arc. An elaborate ceremony took place. The Pope kneeled in front of the relics, which were upon the altar. Immense crowds witnessed the proceedings and all the church bells rang when the beatification was pronounced. The poor creature which was thus honored was the illiterate daughter of a peasant. She had hallucinations, hearing voices which commanded her to liberate France, which was then in the hands of the English. She gained access to the Court of Charles II and was put at the head of an army. She raised the siege of Orleans and gained a great victory over the English. Later she was captured, and in her 29th year, on May 30, 1431, burned at the stake as a heretic at Rouen. And now she is beatified. Rome is the same old Rome. Even so the Lord speaks of her in the Revelation: "And I gave her space to repent of her fornication and she repents not" (Rev. ii:21). Thyatira in these church messages stands for the Romish church.

Her wicked doctrines, idolatries and spiritual fornications are unchanged.

This may be learned from a book published by the Excelsior Catholic Publ. Co. in New York. The book is called "The Glories of Mary." We quote from it:

"God has placed the whole price of redemption in the hands of Mary that she may dispense it at will. Thou, O Mary, art the propitiary of the whole world." Page 85.

"Thou art the only advocate of sinners." Page 95.

"But now if God is angry with a sinner, and Mary takes him under her protection, she withholds the avenging arm of her Son and saves him." Page 98.

"The only hope of sinners." Page 102.

"I worship thy holy heart, through thee do I hope for salvation." Page 105.

"Often we shall be heard more quickly and be thus preserved, if we have recourse to Mary, and call on the name of Jesus our Saviour." Page 112.

"Many things are asked from God, and are not granted; they are asked from Mary and are obtained. And how is this? It is because God has thus decreed to honor his Mother." Page 113.

"To thee does it belong, says St. Bonaventure, to save whomsoever thou willest to be saved. Oh then help me, my Queen; my Queen save me; O salvation of those who call upon thee, do thou save me." Page 116.

"In vain shall we seek Jesus unless we endeavor to find him with Mary." Page 138.

"Mary was made the mediatrix of our salvation." Page 128.

"The way of salvation is open to none otherwise than through Mary. No one is saved but through thee." Page 143.

"Our salvation is in the hands of Mary; he who is protected by Mary will be saved; he who is not, will be lost; our salvation depends on thee." Page 144.

"There is no one, O most holy Mary, who can know God, but through thee." Page 145

"She is the whole ground of my hope." Page 175.

"Mary is the whole hope of our salvation." Page 148.

"All power is given to thee in Heaven, and on earth, and nothing is impossible to thee." Page 154.

"By right she possesses the kingdom of her Son." Page 214.

"It is impossible for any sinner to be saved without the help and favor of the most blessed Virgin." Page 197.

"Thou art omnipotent to save sinners." Page 251.

"She effected our salvation in common with Christ." Page 293.

"We are all God's debtors, but He is a debtor to thee." (Mary.) Page 252.

"There is no one saved but by thee; no one who receives a gift of God but through thee." Page 354.

"Moreover as she is the universal advocate of all men, it is becoming that all who are saved should obtain salvation by her means." Page 570.

"Our salvation is in her hands." Page 576.

"At the command of Mary all obey, even God." Page 155.

We feel almost guilty in reprinting those blasphemies.

Even so she who calls herself "mother church" is described in another part of Revelation: "Full of names of blasphemy is she the mother of harlots" (Rev. xvii:3-5). And where is **Protestantism**? It does no longer protest. Protestantism, a veritable Babel itself, confusion of tongues, is drifting. A part of Protestantism is swept by Rationalism; another part drifts in Ritualism back to Rome, the one who changes not but goes on in her wickedness.

Church Life up to Date. Our attention is called from time to time to the "churches" all over this land, which are turning their edifices into playhouses and tolerate almost everything there, but the preaching of the Gospel. We rarely pay attention to these things. They are only outward symptoms. But a Brooklyn Congregational "church" outdoes a good many of those modern

“churches.” They have formed classes in “Eugenics,” to instruct young men and young women whom to marry and then, how to have children, which are “well-born.”

A progressive programme providing for classes in eugenics was outlined by the Rev. Lewis T. Reed, pastor of the Flatbush Congregational Church, and adopted at a church meeting Monday night by a majority of the 250 members present, but not without considerable discussion and opposition on the part of the more conservative.

Two classes are planned, one for young men and one for the women, with well known physicians as instructors.

There are to be weekly dancing classes besides, and provisions for billiards and pool, bowling alleys and other recreations for the young people of the church. It is planned to erect a \$10,000 extension to the parish house and to remodel the present hall.

The church will also organize a political club, and twenty clubs of five men each will be formed to compete in a race for new male membership.

“Congregational Church”? No, it ought to be “Congregational Club.” Many of these “churches” could not exist if it were not for these attractions, catering to the tastes of the natural man.

Church of England Nearing a Crisis. The Dean of Canterbury has recently raised in an impassioned manner the cry that the English church is in great danger. He told a great convocation in Westminster that the present was the most critical period in the Church of England since the Reformation. The deepest controversies that ever divided the church are now in progress.

The Dean declared that there is an active, earnest and powerful body among the clergy which is avowedly aiming to bring the ceremonial and doctrine of the church in harmony with those of the Church of Rome. They have advocated, he said, the reintroduction of the invocation

of the saints and the worship of the Virgin. Those on his (the Evangelical) side of the Church would exert every power they possessed, parliamentary or otherwise, to prevent such changes, one effect of which would be to preclude forever the possibility of the reunion of Christians in England, as even the most orthodox Nonconformists would have nothing to do with a Romanizing of the Church.

The Dean said he did not know whether or not it was too late to secure peace, but a continuance of the present line was certain to bring civil war within the Church and this would entail its national ruin.

The Bible Hated. Postmaster-General Mr. Burleson, has announced that the Post-office department received a petition from a body of citizens, urging that the Bible be excluded from the United States mail, on the ground that it contained immoral and obscene matter.

We do not know who the petitioners are. They may be Romanists, Destructive Critics or Atheists. But we know the men who made the request are the instruments of Satan.

“Progressive Theology.”* “Progress” is a word that is held in high esteem at the present time. To call a man “progressive” is to pay him a high compliment; and when people speak of this era as a “progressive age,” they have bestowed upon it the highest possible praise. In nothing has there been more decided progress in recent years than in theology, and we often read in the secular Press items of news with reference to “progressive theology.”

*This paragraph is by Mr. P. Mauro.

There are at the present time so many departures, new theologies, forward movements, and other religious novelties, that not many people suspect that a common spirit is actuating them all, and that, however different on the surface, they are at heart the same. The common principle actuating all these "advanced" and "new" theologies is the doctrine that **man is really divine**, that humanity and divinity are identical; or as Mr. R. J. Campbell expresses it, "all men are 'of one substance with the Father.'" This religion is "**Humanism**," and when fully established on the earth (as it will be when true believers have been caught away "to meet the Lord in the air") it will be headed by Anti-christ, and enforced by all the political power of the revived Roman Empire (the ten-horned beast) and by all the spiritual power of the Dragon (Rev. xiii). Those who pay attention to the signs of the times should carefully note the progress of "Humanism" in its many existing forms.

A London paper, under heading "Progressive Theology" speaks of "an interesting announcement regarding the progressive movement in theology made by the '*Christian Commonwealth*' a weekly newspaper closely identified with the teachings of the City Temple." This is the apostate church presided over by Mr. R. J. Campbell, the well known exponent of the "New Theology." This is the announcement:

"What has now been done is to form an editorial board under the chairmanship of Mr. Campbell, with the object of giving expression as far as possible to all phases of the movement which, though many-sided, it is claimed, is fundamentally one. '**Modernism** in the Church of Rome, the **Liberal Movement** in the Church of England, the **New**

Theology in Non-conformity, the **New Spirit** in Unitarianism, the **Reform Movement** in Judaism, the **Spirit of Modern Scientific Enquiry** as represented by Sir Oliver Lodge, are' says the announcement 'all more or less akin.' The new editorial board is to demonstrate the **essential unity of the movement.**'

Then follows a long list of the names of prominent men, leading lights of various denominations, Oxford professors, men of science, etc., who compose this editorial board. This announcement speaks volumes regarding the progress of theology and shows that the "Spirit who now works in the children of disobedience" is beginning to consolidate his numerous followers into one compact body. Surely these are indeed "the last days," and on any one of them that other body, now being formed by the Spirit of God,—the body of Christ—may be caught away to meet its already glorified Head.

Dancing in Churches. Our readers supplied us during the past few weeks with newspaper clippings about dancing classes in churches and dances which were held among the young people of several denominations. In Episcopal, Congregational and Presbyterian churches in different States the dance as the means to keep the young people "in the church" has been resorted to. A Presbyterian preacher in Wheaton, Ill., is reported having said in justification of dancing in the church-basement the following:

"Yes, it is true part of the evening was spent in dancing. A little more than a year ago members of the church provided a 'social room' in the basement. This was done at a cost of about \$1,800. It was fitted up with a small stage and a large stone fireplace.

"One of the first entertainments given in it was a play by the young people of the congregation, which was repeated later. A

second entertainment of the same general nature was 'Alice in Wonderland' by the older children.

"It was understood before the money was raised for the 'social room' that it would be used for dancing under certain careful restrictions, and there has been no serious protest, though not all, of course, are in sympathy with it.

"The department was introduced because of the belief of the pastor and the people that one of the most pressing problems of this community is that of amusement for the young people. And on last Wednesday evening there was a splendid patriotic program, lasting till nearly 10 o'clock, and then about an hour was spent in dancing; and a thing that is frequently seen is a father dancing with his daughter."

What else can be expected in the days of apostasy! This worldliness and craze for amusement is only a symptom of the wicked heart which has never received the love of truth. They are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." It will get worse and worse and ere long the professing "church" sowing the wind will reap the whirlwind. But what is the dance, the popular waltz? How and where did it originate?

The waltz was invented about a hundred years ago. As might have been guessed or prophesied beforehand, it was born of the licentious stage, and is twin sister of the **ballet**. This amorous and gyratory hugging was first seen in a Vienna theatre, December 20, 1787, and for a time was thought to be too indecent to be tolerated anywhere else. After a time, however, it was introduced into houses of doubtful repute, and finally into German society. For a long time even Paris resisted the licentious libertinism of the thing, and it was not until the nineteenth century that it became fashionable. It then went everywhere with a whirl, of course, for Paris set the fashions for the world. The French women of compromising conscience

went into it with an abandon which was hit off by a clever writer by saying before the waltz "they danced with their soles," after it "they danced with their souls"; aye, and soiled and wore out the latter as effectually as the former.

More Mockery of Solemn Truths. Hallowe'en night is often made the occasion of all kinds of sports in churches. From a perfectly reliable source we hear that in connection with the Haywood Street Church of a Southern City, with lights turned low, a "chamber of horrors" had been fixed up for the entertainment of the young people. Amongst the "horrors" the pastor of the Central Methodist Church (having a membership of a thousand) lay in a coffin representing himself dead, while the pastor of the Haywood Street Church delivered a spook address. In due time the devil put in his appearance, a church member dressed up in the shape and costume of Satan as caricatured by the world. Horrible, is it not!

But these wicked mockeries of Death and the awful author of sin are but the outward results of the inward departure from God and from His Word.

The pastor of the above Central M. E. Church in a sermon a few Sundays before he "played dead" and mocked death, asserted that the Lord did not tell Abraham to slay his son Isaac, but, living in an idolatrous age, when his neighbors were sacrificing their children to Moloch had the suggestion made to his mind to do as those around him!

We marvel at two things: First, how real Christians, men and women, who know the Lord Jesus Christ, can tolerate such things; and secondly, we marvel at the patience of God. But wrath and judgment are gathering

fast. God grant that some of these men may repent and be converted before it is too late and they become "the wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness and darkness forever."

The Passion Play Once More. That miserable travesty known as the Oberammergau passion play is now preached about and talked about by those who attended the show. A certain Evangelist who was there writes to the *Christian Standard*, published in Cincinnati:

"I am thrilled completely with the Passion Play. Eight hours of the most intense moments of my life. All the lectures on it never do it justice, and it is almost folly to attempt it. Even Stoddard is weak on it. We are the guests of Anton Lang and he is a wonder. I have met all the apostles and principal characters and my whole being pulsates with the story of the cross as never before."

A woman gave an account of it in the *New York Christian Advocate* (Methodist).

Anton Lang plays his most difficult role with dignity and reverence and tremendous reserve. He never offends the most sensitive, He does not simulate the agony of the Saviour, but he shows forth the lamb led to the slaughter, patient, silent, innocent, amid a wild storm of abuse. It is heart-breaking but not shocking. The scourging is being finished as the curtains are drawn back, so that only the last flourish of the cords is seen. The blindfolded, half-naked, fainting victim, enduring without a cry or a remonstrance. opens the fountain of tears. Most pitiful is the bowed form falling by the way beneath the heavy cross amid the infuriated mob; more pitiful still, Mary the mother waiting beside the way to know the cause of the commotion; most lovely the dear Master's recognition of her as He slowly moves on with Simon of Cyrene bearing the cross. When the curtains part for the crucifixion scene, the two thieves are already hanging from their crosses, but Jesus is stretched on His, still on the ground. We had heard the sound of the hammer. Slowly the cross is lifted with its precious weight."

Again we say what a **blasphemy** it is to depict in such

a way the suffering of the holy Son of God! That no protest is heard against this Romish playhouse and some of those who should protest, known by the name (and in name only) of Protestants, laud the wicked travesty to the sky. No heart which loves and adores the Lord Jesus Christ can have any sympathy whatever with this passion play. We understand the show is to be given some time by the actors in this country and the management rests with an infidel concern.

The Religious Conditions in the United States. The religious conditions on this continent, according to the recent census, is a veritable Babylon, a confusion of tongues. The census brings out the fact that this so-called "Christian nation" has now a steadily increasing number of adherents of heathen religions. There are now seventy-four temples of Buddhism in the United States. These recognize and worship three idols, the god Kuan, the goddess of Fortune and the goddess of Mercy. And here and there apostate "Christians" join in this idolatry. Then there are the Vedanta Societies of the Hindu religions. This movement is one of the cursed results of the wicked congress of religions held during the world's fair in Chicago in 1893.

Then certain Hindu teachers had their eyes opened not to the Gospel, but to the fact that this "great, Christian nation" is a good missionary field for Hindu demonism. They started then the Vedanta Society. It means "the end of all wisdom." It is non-sectarian and tries to harmonize all religions. It succeeds in the larger cities by gathering in the Gospel-rejecting apostates. Another Oriental demonized system, which steadily increases, is Theosophy. Then there is Bahaism, which increases at a

still greater rate. This is a Persian delusion and its head claims to be a kind of Christ, another false Messiah.

The division among Christian believers, according to the census, to be issued in a volume, is the saddest feature of all. Over two hundred sects and parties are enumerated.

"The volume will tell of the various Christian sects which are considered more purely American, and will show the various branches thereof. It will show that while there are only fifty-seven main bodies there are 215 church organizations, many of them professing a faith only a shade different from others. For instance, there are seventeen Baptist bodies, twenty-four Lutheran, fifteen Methodist, and twelve Presbyterian. The same is true of less known organizations. There are fifteen Mennonite, seven Adventist, four Dunker or Dunkard, and four Quaker or Friend bodies.

There appears no division in either the Roman Catholic or Protestant Episcopal churches, although it is shown that efforts to modify their creeds have resulted in the establishment of independent bodies. They are designated as the Reformed Catholic and the Reformed Episcopal churches respectively. The Reformed Catholics number only 1,250 communicants, while of the Reformed Episcopalian there are about 9,683.

The cause of origin of some of the branches is indicated by the name. For instance, there are General Baptists, Separate Baptists, United Baptists, Free Baptists, Freewill Baptists, United American Freewill Baptists, Primitive Baptists, General Six-Principles Baptists, Seventh Day Baptists, Duck River Baptists, and Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestination Baptists.

The civil war caused splits, giving rise to Southern Methodist and Southern Baptist bodies. In these churches there is also color division. Two or three churches came into existence just after the close of the war as a protest against political preaching. Many of the branches of the Lutheran church are due to difference in nationality.

Of other branches, besides the Duck River Baptists, owing their names to localities, are the River Brethren and the Yorkers, both branches of the Brethren denomination. The former began existence on the Susquehanna River; the latter in York County, Penn.

The Brinsers, also Brethren, are called after their first Bishop, as also the Schweckenfelders.

Three of the newest churches mentioned are composed largely of colored communicants. One of these, the Church of God and Saints of Christ, accepts the Ten Commandments as a positive guide to salvation, and uses only scriptural names for its members. The "Church of the Living God" began business in 1899, and already has three branches. The Free Christian Zion Church of Christ, founded in 1905, protests against all attempts to tax members for the support of churches.

There are about seven hundred organizations in the main branch of the Salvation Army, with a membership of about 23,000. There were 455 organizations of Spiritualists with over 35,000 members.

The report records the rapid disappearance of communistic societies, showing that of eight organizations mentioned in the census of 1890 only two are left, the survivors being remnants of the Shakers and of the Amana Society.

That this condition is beyond remedy must be apparent to every intelligent Christian. This confusion of tongues will grow worse. The different "Pentecostal movements" claiming a restoration of the apostolic gifts are not mentioned in the above. There are a number of these errorist movements, which prove clearly by dividing Christians into sects and parties, that it is the work of the flesh and not of the Holy Spirit. But while all this cannot be changed and these conditions will keep on till the harvest comes, every child of God can walk individually according to the Word of God, worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called and keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Christian Science in Y. M. C. A. The following is a clipping from the *Evanston Index*.

A distinct addition to Evanston attractions is the new reading room of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in the Y. M. C. A. building. They have the store on the first floor that was occupied

by the Public Service company which gives them window room that invites, with dainty, fresh flowers and well bound books, and within there is a delightful atmosphere of ease and rest.

All of the tones are gray, except the rug of rose. The walls are of soft gray paper merging into a figured frieze with but little more color and divided by panels of white. The furniture is all of gray finished oak with a bit of brighter color here and there in the rattan chair upholstering which invites one to rest and when the invitation is accepted proves so satisfactory that one longs to stay there indefinitely.

It is strange that the directors and Secretaries of a Y. M. C. A. building can permit such a thing. Perhaps they are ignorant of what Christian Science stands for. In that case they are unfit to hold such positions. This Y. M. C. A. Christian Science room is made as attractive as possible, and we doubt not many young men will be caught in this trap of Satan. It is sad to see such a thing done, but it only shows, as we have pointed out before, that many Y. M. C. Associations are right in with the apostasy. It does not surprise us at all that some of the secretaries who have departed from the faith ask us to stop sending them "Our Hope." They want to keep the Gospel out of the institution as much as possible. Yet there are many Secretaries who have no sympathy whatever with this spirit and who hold firmly to the Gospel.

Apostasy in Methodism. The Apostacy is nowhere so marked as in Methodism. A few months ago Dr. George P. Mains, a Methodist preacher who holds one of the foremost official positions in the Methodist Episcopal Church, published through the Methodist Bookconcern (Eaton & Mains) a volume of which he is the author. In this book he advocates all the wicked claims of the destructive criticism of Astruc, Eichhorn and Wellhausen.

Our friend L. W. Munhall has written a pamphlet on Dr. Mains' production, and Mr. Munhall shows that Tom Paine and Voltaire taught and believed what Mr. Mains states in his book. The correspondencies between Tom Paine and Dr. Mains are so marked that it looks almost as if the Methodist preacher quoted from Paine. We make a few quotations from the pamphlet:

Voltaire said "The Pentateuch could not be from Moses" (Ex. of Lord Bolingbroke. . . .). "Those best acquainted with antiquity think that these books (the Pentateuch) were written more than seven hundred years after Moses" (Dialogue 16).

Dr. Mains says, "In the common thought Genesis has been received as the oldest Hebrew literature. It has been assumed that Moses was its author. . . . But in the sense in which these assumptions were held they are denied, and universally so, by modern critical thought. . . . Genesis, in its compilation and present form, is one of the most recent books of the Old Testament. . . . The book was not, and could not have been, written by the hand of Moses" (p. 98).

Paine said, "The book of Genesis, though it is placed first in the Bible and ascribed to Moses, has been manufactured by some unknown person after the Book of Chronicles was written, which was not until at least eight hundred and sixty years after the time of Moses" (p. 99). "The first book in the Bible is not so ancient as the book of Homer by more than three hundred years and is about the same age with Aesop's Fables" (p. 92).

Paine also said, "The Book of Genesis, instead of being the oldest book in the world, as the Bishop called it, has been the last written book of the Bible, and that the cosmogony it contains has been manufactured" (Reply to the Bishop of Llandaff, pp. 256, 257).

Dr. Mains says, "It is now indubitably proven that many of the stories which appear in the earlier records of the Old Testaaent were simply taken over and adapted from older mythical or legendary sources, and that they are not to be taken at face value as sober and measured history" (p. 98).

Paine said, "Take away from Genesis the belief that Moses was

its author, on which only the strange belief that it is the word of God has stood, and there remains nothing in Genesis but an anonymous book of stories, fables and traditionary or invented absurdities or down-right lies" (p. 86).

Voltaire also said, "Is it not plain that Geensis was taken from the ancient fables of their (the Jewish) neighbors" (Ex. of Lord Bolingbroke).

Dr. Mains says, "It is clear, say our modern authorities, that he (Moses) could not have been the author of this book (Deuteronomy). For reasons equally convincing, it is evident that the book must be the product of a period or periods far later than that of Moses" (p. 118). "The date of its origin is probably not far from the middle of the sixth century B. C." (p. 120).

Paine said, "In Deuteronomy the style and manner of writing marks more evidently than the former books that Moses is not the writer" (p. 81). "Though it is impossible for us to know identically who the writer of Deuteronomy was, it is not difficult to discover him professionally, that he was some Jewish priest who lived, as I shall show in the course of this work, at least 850 years after Moses" (p. 83).

Dr. Mains says, "The writers of Genesis had no authentic knowledge of a flood" (p. 103). He quotes, approvingly, from Professor Driver as follows: "We are forced, consequently, to the conclusion that the flood, as described by the biblical writers is unhistorical" (p. 106).

Paine said, "The story of Eve and the serpent, of Noah and the Ark, drop to the level with the Arabian tales, without being as entertaining" (p. 12).

As face answers to face in water, so Dr. Mains answers to Tom Paine. Their business is the same. Their method and principles are the same. Their end and results are the same. Their purpose may not be the same; but that makes no difference, since they do the same. Paine was only earlier at work, but following the same rationalistic and infidel wake, like Dr. Mains.

Mr. Mains of course denies the authenticity of Isaiah and of the Book of Daniel. The entire Methodist Church is honeycombed with this most subtle infidelity. A good

deal of their Sunday-school literature is tainted with this subtle infidelity. Mr. Munhall closes his pamphlet with the following paragraph:

Dr. Mains says, "Whatever may be concluded concerning the historic personality of Abraham, the story stands for a great truth" (p. 96); and "Abraham was an ideal character" (p. 115). That is to say, Dr. Mains accepts the "Abraham myth" theory of the radically destructive critics. If this theory is correct, the "traditional faith"—the "faith once for all delivered unto the saints"—is no more. The covenant of grace, as fulfilled in the atoning work of our risen Lord and His priestly mediation, together with Paul's sublime arguments concerning the same, are thereby swept away. **Will the Methodist Church stand for such teaching? If she does, as sure as God's Word is true, will He remove her candlestick and Ichabod will be written upon her.**

The question Mr. Munhall asks, "**Will the Methodist Church stand for such teaching?**" was answered by the recent General Conference when it elected Dr. Mains by a large majority to fill the same position he has held before. Dr. Munhall sent a copy of the exposure of Mains' book to each delegate, and yet the majority voted for him.

"**Ichabod**" (the Glory is departed) does not need to be written upon Methodism, **it is written there already.** But in Methodism there are nevertheless thousands of Bible-loving Christians. What are they going to do about it? Are they going to uphold this kind of thing and thus become partakers of these evil deeds? May their consciences be aroused.

The Progress of Roman Catholicism. Catholics have so increased in number here that the United States now ranks as one of the foremost Catholic countries. It has more of that faith by two to one than the British empire and it

approximates even Italy itself. The official Catholic directory, copyright by P. J. Kennedy & Sons, sets forth the following:

Catholic population, United States, 23,329,000; Austria, 23,796,000; Germany, 23,821,000; Spain, 19,503,000; British Empire, 12,968,000; Italy, 30,500,000.

Since American occupation of the Philippines there has been steady improvement in Catholic Church conditions and growths in numbers, the Philippines figures being 7,131,000.

Last year Catholics in continental United States built 373 new churches. They now have 14,312. There are 17,945 priests. About one in four of the priests are members of Jesuits, Paulists, Benedictines or other orders. This proportion holds good in New York, the large majority here being directly under Cardinal Farley. Besides priests there are 6,169 young men studying in seminaries. There are 57,000 women in religious orders.

There are more than 900 colleges and academies, by far the larger number for girls, and 5,256 parochial schools. No fewer than 514 parishes in New York State now have schools attached, and in them are 223,875 boys and girls. Children in Catholic institutions in the whole country number 1,600,000. And this great increase is not at all altogether through immigrations. Large numbers of "Protestants" turn to the Roman church. The work of the Jesuits and Paulist fathers in holding "Missions for Protestants" bears fruit.

Modern Day Delusions.

Growth of Christian Science. We call attention to the rapid growth of the Science cult on the Pacific Coast. It is equally marked in other parts of the country and throughout the civilized world. Recently the "mother church" held its annual meeting in Boston:

The announcement of the formation of 102 new churches and the unexampled growth of membership during the last year were features of the annual business meeting of the Christian Science Mother Church.

Several thousand persons attended the meeting, at the church on Falmouth Street, including members from several foreign countries. Frederick Dixon of London was announced as president of the church for the coming year.

Reports indicated that the Christian Science movement has spread through the civilized world. The list of new churches formed includes several in Germany, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand and Porto Rico.

An interesting report was that covering New York City, where now reading rooms have been established, including one in the financial district. The report of the board of lectureship showed that over 850,000 persons attended lectures given under the auspices of the board last year, an increase of 100,000 over the preceding year.

From Sweden came the report of the official recognition of the church by the government; from England word of the church's growth there; and from Germany and other countries the news of lectures in foreign languages.

From Ohio thanks were returned for the financial aid rendered to the sufferers from the recent floods.

Another World Bureau. We have repeatedly called in public attention to the rapid progress spiritualism is making under the disguised name of "Psychical Research." In England and in America some of the best known men, like Sir Oliver Lodge and many university professors, have united with this movement and expressed a strong belief that asking of the dead is a possibility. They were led to this belief by experiments through mediums which produced manifestations unexplainable by natural causes. We are convinced that this movement will grow and that their godless research will be rewarded by communications from unseen and intelligent beings, the host of demons, whose existence is so clearly taught in God's Word. Intercourse with them is a possibility. Matters are rapidly advancing in this direction. There is an activity and eagerness to intrude into these things which is astonishing, no doubt the reflex action of the wicked spirits who are eager to possess men and women and drag them down to ruin and perdition.

W. T. Stead of the *Review of Reviews* has lately come out for this evil thing and has made a remarkable suggestion. He has announced that he intends to open a bureau for communication with the other world. He expects to carry out this enterprise with the help of a friend, who died years ago and with whom he has had spirit intercourse. Mr. Stead speaks of all this in the *Fortnightly Review*. The friend, he says, is a Miss Ames who was formerly one of the editors of the *Union Signal* of Chicago, the organ of the W. C. T. U. He claims that this lady sent him a long appeal from the "other world."

Following is the text of the proposal which his dead friend is supposed to have sent to him:

"I wanted to ask you if you can help me at all in a matter in which I am much interested. I have long wanted to establish a place where those who have passed over could communicate with the loved ones behind. At present the world is full of spirits longing to speak to those from whom they have been parted. It is a strange spectacle. On your side, souls full of anguish for bereavement; on this side, souls full of sadness because they can not communicate with those whom they love. What can be done to bring these somber, sorrow-laden souls together?

"What is wanted is a Bureau of Communication between the two sides. Could you not establish some such sort of office with one or more trustworthy mediums? If only it were to enable the sorrowing on the earth to know, if only for once, that their so-called dead live nearer than ever before, it would help to dry many a tear and soothe many a sorrow. I think you could count upon the eager co-operation of all on this side.

"We on this side are full of joy at the hope of this coming to pass. Imagine how grieved we must be to see so many whom we love, sorrowing without hope, when those for whom they sorrow are trying in vain every means to make them conscious of their presence. And many also are racked with agony, imagining that their loved ones are lost in hell, when, in reality, they have been found in the all-embracing arms of the love of God. See what can be done. It is the most important thing there is to do. For it brings with it the trump of the Archangel, when those that were in their graves shall awake and walk forth once more among men."

Mr. Stead gives much evidence which satisfies him that this communication is genuine and came from Miss Ames. To us it is equally evident that the communication is genuine, but that it emanates from a **demon**. That demons love to personify departed men and women and play the parts of deceivers has often been proven. The above words Mr. Stead claims to have received from the

unseen world are words of deception. They show the cunning of a wicked spirit. Taking on a pious garb this demon talks very piously, but the demon reveals his identity in the closing sentences. He wants to prove that the loved ones, who some imagine are in hell, are "in the all embracing arms of the love of God." This demon like other demons, who have produced all kinds of theories, tries to deceive people about the great Scripture revelation, the eternal and conscious punishment of the wicked. This is invariably the tenor of these "spirit communications" that the state of all the departed is one of bliss and happiness. Christian Science, Millennial Dawnism and other "isms" which deny future and eternal punishment for those who reject Christ are the movements of the latter times, the theories of seducing spirits, the doctrines of demons (1 Tim. iv:1). A Millennial Dawnist told us some time ago when we asked him "Are you saved?" "No," was his answer and "that is why I am a believer in Mr. Russell's teaching for I can live as I please and have another chance." They say sometimes that the everlasting punishment of the wicked is a horrible, God dishonoring doctrine. Then it must be an invention of the devil. How is it then that these demons are so anxious to impress upon those to whom they give communications, that there is nothing but bliss and joy in the other world? But we read in the Word of God that the demons cried out saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come hither to torment us before the time (Matt. viii: 29)? Mr. Stead then speaks of the problem itself:

"The problem is a serious one. The proposal to construct a bridge across the abyss will stagger most people by its audacity.

Some will regard it as profane. But all those who have taken any intelligent interest in the progress of psychical research will admit that the time is at hand when such an enterprise ought to be taken in hand by serious investigators, and resolutely prosecuted to its final conclusion.

"The only question is, what are the facts? Can we or can we not organize such a service of trustworthy persons whose eyes have been opened, to undertake the guidance of the pioneers who are endeavoring to build the bridge between the living and the dead?

"I think that with patience and perseverance it can be done. Julia, who fifteen years ago first insisted upon the duty of opening such a bureau of intercommunication, has now undertaken to direct its operations from day to day.

"It may amaze some people that I should thus gravely write of the possibility of opening an office in the heart of a great capital which can only succeed—if it succeed—by the constant, conscious direction of the invisible intelligence of a human being who died and was buried seventeen years ago. But if there be any truth in the fundamental doctrine of modern spiritualism, there is nothing incredible in this. Certainly I should not dream of undertaking a duty so onerous, entailing such certainty of ridicule and abuse, were I not firmly convinced that we can confidently depend upon the business-like co-operation of those on the other side?"

Then follows a suggestion how this bureau is to be managed:

"A directory of competent sensitives, a muster-roll of those whose eyes are opened, will be compiled after careful and continued investigation, test, and experiment. When any one who has lost a beloved friend or relative wishes to ascertain whether or not he can communicate with him, and applies to the bureau, he will be informed of the conditions under which alone such an attempt can be made. Should he assent, the sanction of the director must then be obtained. It will be refused to all who do not seek to hear from those whom they have loved and lost, etc."

One is amazed indeed to read such things coming from the pen of an intelligent person of literary attainment.

The end is not yet. Success will come; their efforts to communicate with evil spirits will be successful and through it the great master mind of the Devil will work out his own purposes. God permits all this because men have not received the love of the truth that they might be saved. The strong delusion that they should believe a lie is fast approaching and this "psychical research," spiritualism, the plain wicked necromancy bids fair to play a leading part in it.

More Psychical Research Discoveries. Ever since the modern wave of Spiritualism, or as it should be called Demonism, was started by the Fox sisters over fifty years ago, increasing evidences have been furnished that there is a connection possible between the world and the wicked spirits, the fallen angels and demons. A belief in this is biblical. Why should God have forbidden the intercourse with the dead, the asking of those who have familiar spirits, if all this were not reality? Why should God have announced the death penalty upon those who practice the consultation of evil spirits if such a consultation were impossible? But Spiritualism with its evil practices has appeared under a more polite name. It goes now by the name "Psychical Research." It attracts the cultured, the educated and permeates the so-called "better classes" of society, professors, teachers, physicians, literary men, lawyers and not a few preachers have gone upon the forbidden, yet fascinating territory. It was shown in our last issue how Spiritualism in this garb has joined hands with science and what an evil work the demon powers are accomplishing. All this goes on secretly. No one knows what goes on in the dark and the poor victims of one of the devil's most subtle delusions do not know themselves

how Satan will lead them on and use them in his own dreadful work.

Recently the following paragraph appeared in the Associated Press:

Edmund Scribner Stevens, who uses the stationery of the United States Senate, proclaims himself as "The Revealer of Secret Things" in communications received by the Metropolitan Psychical Research Society.

His connection with the national Legislature does not appear, and although Mr. Stevens has franked envelopes he does not avail himself of the privilege they convey, but pays postage.

"I have in my possession," he writes, "more than one hundred written communications signed by persons who have passed into the hereafter life. I have proved their signatures to be genuine in the Library of Congress and they are open to inspection to all who wish to know the truth.

"These letters were directed to me in person by my own name by such persons as Franklin, Swedenborg, John Bunyan, St. John the Evangelist, Dante, Luther, and the Rev. Dr. P. M. Griffin, of Perth Amboy, N. J.

"Also telegraphic messages are received in my own room between the hours of one and seven A. M. I am awakened from sound sleep and get up and write them from such men as Emerson, William Penn, Franklin, Morse, the telegraphic inventor and Galileo, the astronomer. Galileo, in a communication of five pages written in ink, tells me what the planets are made of and what they are."

Mr. Stevens asks that the society place \$5,000 in a Washington bank to his credit, to be claimed by him as soon as he gives one conclusive test of his ability as a Revealer of Secret Things.

We believe that these Psychical Researchers are going to discover new and startling things. This they claim is their object. But these startling discoveries will be nothing less than lying signs and wonders, with which Satan will completely blind the eyes of them that believe not.

The International Club for Psychical Research. The Society for Psychical Research has a rival organization in

the International Club for Psychical Research, which has been founded by Mrs. Annie Besant. The headquarters of the new society are in Picadilly Circus, London.

Arrangements have been made for the development of promising mediums and there are appliances and apparatus "for the study of the physical effects of mediumship and other kindred subjects." Here also are special rooms for rapping manifestations with tables so constructed that even the youngest and most inexperienced spook could rap lightly upon them with every prospect of receiving immediate attention.

The club membership represents almost all classes of advanced thought. Esoteric Buddhists, theosophists of both the Besant and the Tingley type, adherents of W. T. Stead and his schemes for the encouragement of bureaus of communication between the spirit world and London, A. D., 1911, people who believe that there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in their philosophy and are willing to devote time and money to searching them out, and young men and women brought up in the faddist atmosphere which permeates London to-day, are all represented in the organization.

Mrs. Annie Besant is the head of the society and she opened the building dedicated to its use on Monday with a speech urging the necessity of avoiding superstition and narrowness in all intercourse with the unseen world. The research work begins next week.

Among the foundation members who have helped to set this organization on foot are: Robert Colgate of New York, Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury in Mr. McKinley's Cabinet; Col. Count Gleichen, D. S. O., a cousin of the late King Edward; Sir Francis Young-

husband, British Resident in Kashmir, and Major-Gen. Sir Alfred Turner, K. C. B.—*N. Y. Sun.*

The same story, “Turning their ears away from the Truth they are turned unto fables.”

The Monistic Church. A Startling Movement. About two years ago Prof. Ernest Haeckel, the well-known naturalist and advocate of biological evolution, started the Monistic League of Germany. Monism is a system of thought which seeks to deduce all the varied phenomena of both the physical and spiritual worlds from a single principle. It is theory that there is but one substance, either mind or matter, or something which is neither. This philosophical movement, which of course denies all Revelation, has had a most rapid growth in Germany; many cities have organized branches of this infidel league. It has also spread to Switzerland, Holland and Austria. It has produced great uneasiness in Germany and the headquarters of this Monistic League or church movement, situated in Berlin, reports a constant growth in numbers, power and influence. Attempts are now being made to organize it in this country. An American sympathizer of this movement, who hopes for an early establishment of the Monistic League in this country and predicts for it great and widespread success, has made on it the following remarks:

Ex-President Eliot's recent pronouncement on “The Religion of the Future,” which he says will be a Monistic religion, is only one of the signs of the times, showing the irresistible tendency in modern thought and life toward a monistic conception of the constitution and character of the universe and a monistic philosophy and religion of life. All this is the inevitable and natural outcome of the rapid and revolutionary progress of modern science and philosophy. Dualism and pluralism are dying at the very roots. A

monistic and therefore a democratic conception of the constitution and character of the universe is rapidly taking the place of the old, orthodox, dualistic, monarchical and aristocratic one. Modern science and philosophy are revealing the world to us as a real democracy and commonwealth of all being as one. It is a spiritual commonwealth, a divine democracy, a real republic of all being as one; self-existent, self-governing and self-guiding from within; in which all conscious and rational beings, like man, are equal, sovereign, divine and spiritual citizens. Science and philosophy revealing man to us as the sovereign, spiritual citizen of a divine democracy and a spiritual republic, and not as the servile spiritual subject of an absolute spiritual monarchy, as orthodox dualistic religion does.

The mission of monism is to make war not only on the belief in a dualistic God but also and more on the belief in a pluralistic, egoistic and individualistic man; to purge and purify religion of every superstition and hypocrisy; to elevate man's conception of himself to the plane of a true and natural divinity and dignity; to arouse an enthusiasm of humanity, which is also at the same time an enthusiasm of divinity; to give man a vision of the world as a vast, living, striving, conscious and spiritual organism, of which he is one of the highest, noblest and most significant organs.

Monism is the only religion that can ever hope to destroy human selfishness. No dualistic or pluralistic religion can do this, for their appeal must always be to that petty, partial and fractional self, the belief in which is the root cause of all human selfishness, in so far as it is deliberate and intentional. It is the only religion that can ever hope to destroy the devil, for the real devil of this world is the devil of self. It is the only religion that can ever hope to realize the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, and to inaugurate the reign of the true and living God.

Monism is the true religion of the future, and the movement which has taken firm root in the Fatherland of Martin Luther is the "New Reformation" and the "New Christianity." Monism is also the "Coming Catholicism," of which we have lately heard from Dr. Newman Smyth, for the only catholicism that is possible for the future in this modern and scientific world is the catholicism of science and reason and of the institutions that are founded upon

science and reason. It knows nothing of nations, races and boundary lines. The sciences are the same the world over and they are the same for all intelligent and unbiased minds. They are universal and catholic in character. So it will eventually be with a truly scientific, philosophic and rational religion. Monism will be the religion of the world's democracies, the social religion of the world's true commonwealth, the scientific religion of a scientific age, and the unselfish, loving, brotherly and Godlike religion of the true and only living God.

Here is a bold and very significant language. This philosophical system denies everything. The Person of our blessed Lord is not even mentioned. It is heralded to be the "New Reformation," "the New Christianity," the "new religion." It is the religion which will destroy the devil and establish the kingdom of heaven on earth and inaugurate the reign of the free and living God. **What awful blindness!**

This monistic movement is no doubt the thing. Unitarianism will fall at once into line. Reformed Judaism and Christian Science as well as the masses of Protestant and Catholic Christians who are like so much driftwood, will side with it. It is the thing of the future. The mastermind of the devil is revealed in this scheme; he prepares the way for his final work. All seems to be waiting in the camp of apostasy for a leader. Such a one will soon appear. But it seems to us, if we have open eyes, that we can read in this monistic church movement, the initial history of the complete apostasy. All is ready for a great "world-church" which will unite all who have not received the love of the Truth. Oh Lord, keep us closer to Thyself in these perilous times!

Abdul Baha Branded a Deceiver. Abdul Baha, the leader of the new cult of Bahaism, idolized by thousands

of cultured and intelligent (?) American women, has been branded as a deceiver by his own nephew. On this *The Continent* saith:

“Abdul Baha, or as he is also called, Abbas Effendi, is lecturing in different parts of the United States, informing people that Bahaism is the final perfected religion destined to comprehend and unify all the world’s other forms of religious faith. But Bahaism seems not to have any more magic charm of unity about it than the faiths it proposes to consolidate; it is unable even to unify itself. Sectarianism is no more a stranger under the Bahaist banner than under the symbols of either cross or crescent. There lives in Pasadena, California, a nephew of Abbas, son of his younger brother Mohammed, who avers that the ‘venerable prophet’ now touring America is totally recreant to the teachings of the father Baha Ullah—‘The Manifestation of God’—who is ostensibly reverenced as the founder of the whole cult. The Pasadena member of the family claims that Baha (his grandfather) wrote down in the ‘Book of My Covenant’—the Bahai Bible—that after himself no new ‘manifestation’ would arise for a thousand years. Yet Abbas, the son, poses as a ‘manifestation.’ Baha is quoted: ‘Whosoever claimeth a mission before the completion of a thousand years from this manifestation is a lying impostor’—and that, according to Nephew Shua of Pasadena, is exactly what Uncle Abdul Baha is. The teachings of Abbas are pronounced his own only, and quite contrary to true Bahaism as the rest of the family claim to have preserved it pure from the father’s lips and writings.”

We caught a glimpse of this deceiver last fall in the Union Station of Denver. One look into the face of

the fat old man ought to be enough to convince anyone that he is all and more, his own nephew charges him with.

A German Rebuke to Monism. We called attention to the great monistic movement which has had such a remarkable growth in the Fatherland. It is gratifying to report now that throughout Germany there has been an uprising from the side of German Evangelical Christians against this satanic cult. In Berlin alone 20,000 assembled to listen to leading men, who defended the faith, delivered unto the saints. As the building would hold scarcely half that number, there was a great overflow meeting in the square, where Luther's hymn was sung and addresses were delivered. The cathedral nearby was thrown open and was immediately crowded to the doors, many being turned away. Here again powerful addresses were delivered and the great audience repeated the Apostles' Creed in concert. Thus it seems that the skeptical attack has resulted in such an arousing of evangelical feeling as the German capital has not seen in a century. The *Lokal Anzeiger*, the great Berlin newspaper, spoke of the demonstration as "a milestone in the history of the intellectual and religious life of the city.

Mormonism's Pernicious Work. Throughout this country they are sneaking, generally in pairs, the messengers of the so-called "Latter Day Saints." What this system is and what it stands for is well known. Underneath its claims of a new revelation, its satanic perversions of the truth of God are covered up the most abominable things, the leader of it polygamy. These false teachers and lying ministers claim that polygamy has been aban-

doned, but their statements are false. Polygamy is so closely interwoven with this Satan cult that it cannot be given up. Thousands of converts are yearly gained over this land, but the chief recruiting places are the foreign countries.

Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Germany have all furnished young women for the "Mormon Faith." But the discovery has been made of late that from Great Britain hundreds of girls disappear yearly, and are months later heard from, after they joined the Mormons. Startling things have been brought to light.

The citizens of Liverpool, the port from which hundreds of girls are sent every year to swell the Mormon colonies of Utah and other polygamous colonies in America, have arisen in vehement protest against the alarming growth of Mormonism in England and especially in Liverpool. After a series of special meetings, resolutions have been adopted by the townspeople appealing to the Home Secretary and demanding immediate restrictive legislation.

This move to stay the trafficking in young girls has the sanction of the bishop of Liverpool, who, it is understood, is the instigator of the open crusade against the Mormons. England has for some time been the chosen field of the activities of the missionaries and Mormonism here finds many converts who have left their homes lured away by the mysterious attractions of polygamy. Although the movement is directed from headquarters in a little building near Hyde Park, missionary work is done in province and small towns where "canvassers" go from house to house delivering tracts and teaching the doctrines of Joseph Smith.

But Liverpool is the Mormon stronghold, for there they must unite their forces to secure the unmolested transportation of the newly made converts. To do this they have hit upon an ingenious scheme. Elder Charles W. Penrose, who fathers the movement in Liverpool, secured an accredited position in the immigration bureau of the White Star Line. By acting as agent for that company he has been able to secure transportation for hundreds of girls to America on the pretext of their becoming servants and filling other

minor positions. The passage money was paid by generous contributions from friends of the movement here and the loyal supporters in the United States.

It has just been discovered that the Mormons have rented a home in Liverpool, where the girls are kept until the sailings. The Mormons have also an elaborate printing plant at Bootle, near Liverpool, where all their religious literature is printed and where a weekly paper is published. The work of the sect is carried on with such secrecy that it is almost impossible for the authorities to obtain tangible evidence against them.

Young girls and many married women simply disappear from their homes and are not heard of for months, until a letter or perhaps a post card bearing an American stamp notifies friends and relatives that they have embraced the Mormon faith. All religious bodies have now combined to stamp out Mormonism, and it is known that the Home Secretary who has been investigating the conditions on his own account, is heartily in accord with the crusade. Several members of Parliament who are interested are now preparing a bill to present at the next session excluding Mormons from the United Kingdom.

God grant that our English brethren may be successful in stopping this wicked system.

A Mosque for London. The "London Globe" reports the following:

It is proposed to erect a mosque in the capital of Great Britain, and the only surprising feature of the project is that it has not been executed before. The building is to cost £100,000, to which the Aga Kahn has already contributed £5,000. The committee in control of the scheme is presided over by Amir Ali and includes the Turkish and Persian Ministers, as well as three members of the Council of India.

Buddhism's Progress in Europe. Buddhism has been making great strides in Europe of late. The membership of the Buddhist Society of Great Britain and Ire-

land is now counted by hundreds and branches have been established in Liverpool and Edinburgh. Prof. Rhys Davit, the writer on Pali and Buddhist literature, is its president and among the vice-presidents is the Earl of Mexborough. A Scottish convert to Buddhism who is now a monk in Burma is shortly coming to England as first resident missionary.

Great progress has also been made by the German Buddhist Society, which has two important press organs, in Leipzig and Breslau. Buddhist propagandists have been especially active in Hungary, where five editions of Subhadra Bhikku's Buddhistic Catechism have been exhausted.

For the first time in Europe an attempt has been made there to get Buddhism officially recognized by the State, so that it could be taught in the schools. The plan was not successful owing to the opposition of the Roman Catholics.

In Switzerland and Italy the number of adherents of the ancient Oriental faith is also growing steadily. At Lugano appears the *Coenobium*, one of the most important Buddhist publications in Europe. New Buddhistic colonies, it is announced, will shortly be formed near Lausanne and also in the Italian province of Umbria.

What else does all this mean, but back to Heathendom! The great Buddhistic world is hopeful. And Islam is rapidly spreading throughout Africa. Indeed the spread of the Gospel stands no comparison with that of Mohammedanism.

Back to the Ethical Systems of Heathendom. A few weeks ago when the Editor was in Boston a well known lecturer spoke in the Lowell Institute of that city on "the Philosophy, Metaphysics and Ethics of the Ancient

Greeks." The learned lecturer bewailed modern life and praised Greek culture. Among other things said was the statement, that when the time comes when men will be no longer led by revelation and will reject miracle and prophecy and determine to be led by mere light of reason, if such an age lays aside the Christian faith, there still remain the **ethical principles of Zeno and Epicureus**. In other words revelation as contained in God's Holy Word when given up may be substituted by the ethical systems of Zeno and Epicureus. The time, however, is already here. Much of the preaching in Boston and New England is nothing less than a reproduction of the principles of Zeno and Epicureus. The Word of God has predicted for almost 2,000 years that this very thing should happen. Sound doctrines given up, revelation and prophecy no longer believed, must result in turning to fables (2 Tim. iv:1-4).

The "Soul" Hospital in London. Our friend, Mr. Philip Mauro, sent us recently an interesting communication to our "Current Events" on the Soul Hospital in London. Mr. Mauro writes:

Among the significant events of the day a prominent place must be assigned to a group of movements whereof the so-called "Emmanuel Movement" is the best known. The words "Psychic" and "Psycho"—are becoming very common in current literature and conversation. The expression also occurs in the Bible, but is disguised in our common versions because it is there generally rendered "natural." It is particularly pertinent in these days to notice the unqualified statement of 1 Cor. ii:14. "The **psychical man** receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." But this psychical man is now being specially stimulated, encouraged, and trained to get into communication with the world of spirits, that is of demons who are in the service of "the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience" (Eph. ii:2).

To this end two great objects are being presented in the most attractive way, *first*, communication with the departed, *second*, physical healing. And from two directions is this terrible danger advancing upon ignorant, credulous and superstitious humanity, from the **churches**, and from "**Science**." Who can be surprised if millions are deceived and swept headlong into the delusions fostered by "seducing spirits"?

Of all the healing systems which have been brought forward as substitutes for simple faith in God, that known as "Psycho-therapy" (hideous name!) is perhaps the most dangerous, for the reason that it is accredited both by clergy and by doctors. The inadequacy of medical treatment on the one hand, and the decadence of the churches on the other, create a situation wherein the latter are ready to seize upon anything which promises to aid them in regaining their lost ground. The spread of this movement is indicated by the establishment of a "soul hospital" in London, where patients are treated by *pyscho-therapeutic* methods. Among those who administer the treatment is a lady whose name is in the peerage. The diseases are diagnosed by a physician who goes into a sort of trance, during which, by the aid of "spirit guides" he is able to see what is the matter with the patient.

Here is a new and most serious danger, to which people untaught in the word of truth, are now exposed in these increasingly "perilous times." Who would have dreamed, a few years ago, of this ominous alliance of medical science, clerisy and spiritism? But there has been recently consummated a yet more ominous alliance of spiritism with physical science in the attempt to communicate with the human spirits of the dead. Of this we will speak at another time "if God permit."

The Dream of the World. The world dreams on of progress, advance, conquest and prosperity. Universal peace, they tell us, is in sight. The world is about to enter upon its greatest epoch. God and His Christ are forgotten. Many preachers advocate a great Peace parliament for 1913. A New York newspaper wants the great congress held in that city.

This city alone is able to offer ample and elegant accommoda-

tions to the 2,500 distinguished men who make up the parliaments of the world. It is one of the great cities of the world. It is the metropolis and representative city of a Nation consecrated to peace. If the representative bodies of New York, its great organizations, its statesmen, its publicists, its newspapers, and its people would ask Congress to extend the invitation for 1913, Congress would not fail to do so. The invitation would, in all human probability, be accepted in full and hearty spirit by the parliaments of the world. The cost of a single battleship would pay ten times over the entire cost of the vast occasion. America's greatest city would play the host to the greatest and noblest assembly ever gathered in the history of the human race. And the cause of universal peace would be advanced from a beautiful promise of the century to a glowing realization of the decade in which we live.

Will it come to this? No doubt it will. But listen, child of God! What does the Word say? "For when **they** shall say, Peace and Safety, **then** sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon woman with child, and they shall not escape." (1 Thessal. v:3.) That time cannot be far away.

The "New Thought Movement."—For some years the New Thought movement has been rapidly coming to the front. Its advertisements are seen everywhere and "new thought" literature is circulated far and wide. Mr. Frank S. Weston, of Toronto, who has thoroughly locked into this movement, has sent us the following interesting communication on the "new thought" delusion:

A religious movement has sprung up in the United States which bids fair to make such a sweep of thought as has never been witnessed on this continent. Of recent origin it has made its way across the sea.

The leaders are educated men and women, including scientists, editors, physicians, lawyers and novelists.

Their headquarters are in New York, having recently been changed from Boston. A sympathetic writer in the "Review of

Reviews" says: "This cult stands for practical every day working philosophy that takes the place of religion. The movement has for its basic purpose nothing less than a lively realization of the metaphysical truth at the base of all religion and philosophy, not as a mystical or intellectual abstraction merely, but as a working force in actual life, eligible to all men everywhere."

This movement began about twenty years ago, but it is only within five years that its power has been felt.

The periodical literature of this new thought has grown until now more than one hundred monthly and weekly publications exist in the United States alone.

I. Its Foundation Principles. One of its writers says: "The reality in being of an infinite, eternal and intelligent energy, principle or substance perceptible, active everywhere, and always in the phenomena we call life, is its basic premise. This energy, intelligence, substance, law or principle, while itself the absolute and unmanifest, is the great first cause of all manifestation of every order in the phenomenal world. . . . Many call this immanent power God. Others are content with Spencer's phrase 'Infinite and Eternal Energy,' still others are partial to the term 'Being.'"

We quote as follows from the new thought creed as formulated at the last convention: "God universal spirit, mind, principle—is omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent. Man is the individual expression of God, possessing inherently and capable of manifesting, all the aspects of God. Man unfolds to a continuously expanding consciousness and manifestation of these aspects through right thinking and right living."

What do these words mean? The language is nebulous and mystifying.

Terms contradictory and antagonistic are jumbled together.

I turn to Henry Wood for light on the first great question concerning any system, "What is God?"

In his book I read these words: "Nature has stored up in the universe an infinite amount of energy. The eternal recipient and transmitter of this energy is the ether. . . . Now call this energy God's mind and the ether God's body, then you have the secret of eternal life and the process of cosmic evolution. God in the ether is no more strange than a soul in a body." God is

energy, a force by which things act. What does this language mean?

This man is giving us under new terms oriental pantheism. Such is the "new thought" on God presented to the 20th Century intelligence.

Mr. Tyner outlines new thought in the following words: "The absolute is the great first cause of all manifestations. If it is not as obvious in the little things of our personal life as in the cosmic process that this infinite intelligence is ever a power making for righteousness the fault is one's own consciousness, a lack of recognition of one's own oneness with the One Life." This system emphasizes the inter-dependence of mental and physical and the power of mind over body.

"The present movement is in a large degree the result of an attempt to account for mental healing and to give a lucid and rational interpretation as well as a scientific basis."

Philosophically it is the offspring of Kant's speculations modified by New England transcendentalism. In its development it has taken up into itself a number of contributory elements, viz.: popular science, evolutionism and Hinduism.

It recognizes the teaching of Christ in part, Emerson is, however, its Bible. He is its great prophet. A subtile pantheism is its foundation. As one writer says it is "the recognition, realization and manifestation of the God in me." Although new thought teachers often use Christian terminology, one has but to read carefully to see new meanings are put into the old terms.

II. What is the system in morals?—It is a scheme of self-preservation and salvation through the power of will. The leaders of this faith have a firm belief in the all-saving power of healthy mind attitudes. Mind is the all-conquering power.

There is a recognition of man's bondage but freedom is man's accomplishment, not Christ's. "The first step after discovering that we are enslaved, is the conviction that we are of worth to the universe, the ideal of gradual attainment of freedom through the strengthening of individuality." Salvation by human will, this is the gist of it. On the title page of one of their books are these words: "Within yourself lies the cause of whatever enters into your life. To come into the full realization of your awakened

interior powers is to be able to condition your life in exact accord with what you would have it." The general system of the book may be discovered by a quotation.

"The great central fact of the universe is that Spirit of Infinite Life and Power that is back of all, that animates all, that manifests itself in and through all; that self-existent principle of life from which all has come and from which all is continually coming."

"This Spirit of Infinite Life and Power that is back of all I call God . . . God then is this Infinite Spirit which fills all the universe with Himself alone, so that all is from Him and in Him and there is nothing that is outside."

"We are partakers of the life of God and though we differ from Him in that we are individualized spirits while He is the Infinite Spirit, including us as well as all else beside, yet in essence the life of God and the life of man are identically the same and so are one. They differ not in essence; they differ in degree."

III. Its Relations to the Word of God. The leaders of this movement say: "It antagonizes no sect or denomination as such. It has no dogma to enforce—recognizing good everywhere it seeks the co-operation of people of any or no religious forms. Embracing the good in every religion and philosophy it excludes none."

Yet the same writer says, "It takes the place of religion and is indeed to those people the only possible religion." This is the Devil's soft sly way to overthrow the truth of God. He means no harm and at the same time he is taking the foundation from under your house.

It is easily seen by this able explanation of the new thought movement that it belongs to the great anti-Christian wave, which is sweeping over Christendom, constantly gaining in volume. Soon the person will appear who will unite them all, Higher Criticism, Spiritism, Christian Science, Theosophy, New Thought, etc. That person will be the final Anti-christ.

Krishnamurti the new Messiah. "The Order of the Star of the East" has spread all over Christendom. Even from small towns and villages we hear that this theosophi-

cal society is circulating its pamphlets and finds some adherents. Our readers will remember that this Order of the Star of the East announces the soon coming of a great world-teacher; the order was founded by Miss Besant, the high-priestess of Theosophy, to prepare the way and a welcome for this great coming leader. Not only Theosophists are asked to unite, but others as well. The whole thing is of satanic cunning as we have shown in our columns two years ago and Mr. Mauro's exposure published four months ago laid bare the scheme once more.

And now comes the news that the world teacher of that woman and her order of the Star of the East is about to be introduced to the world. He is coming to America. His name is Krishnamurti, a sixteen year old Hindu boy with a most beautiful face. He is regarded by Theosophists as the new Messiah, a spiritual being, through whom Christ is to speak when He returns to this earth. Men and women are kneeling already before him. He is at present living in luxurious seclusion at the country home of Lady De la Warr in Sussex, England.

Though under the most aristocratic influences Krishnamurti is designed to be the Messiah of all, showing the way to perfect brotherhood. One may get the best idea of the remarkable hopes centred in Krishnamurti by quoting from the sworn statement in a suit now pending before a District Judge in Chingleput, Madras. A Hindu Government pensioner seeks to regain from Miss Annie Besant his two sons, Krishnamurti and Nitayanda. It was Miss Besant who discovered the lads and won the father's consent to take them to England. In a very singular legal document filed in court the father declares that last year the boys were making rapid spiritual prog-

ress, and were approaching "initiation by the masters." He also submits that Miss Besant "has been stating that the first boy, who is named Alcyone, is or is going to be **Lord Christ**, with the result that the boy is deified and that a number of respectable persons prostrate before him and show other signs of worship.

The following information is given by this woman, Annie Besant:

"Indeed there are more than 25,000 cultured men and women in the United States who wear a little silver star with five points. This is the emblem of the order of the Star in the East, originated by Krishnamurti as if in acceptance of the belief that he is to fulfill a high destiny. The members of the order are not necessarily theosophists, in fact many are not. But they are all eager for the time to come when Krishnamurti shall begin to execute what they believe to be his mission as the Messiah of the new cycle of the world's history. There are two theories as to his future. One is that the Christ will incarnate and come in person to found the great new religion. Another is that the Christ will select a disciple through whom he will manifest at the great hour.

"Krishnamurti may be the chosen one through his superior spirituality, or he may be the one to declare Christ to the world. At the least the Hindu boy will bear the relation of a John the Baptist to the expected revelation. It is from the mystic Himalayas that the masters of wisdom, who are in these days as the three wise kings," have proclaimed the coming forth again of the Christ to unify all people, and that the child is now on earth who is to be the instrument of this wondrous power as was the disciple Jesus for the great Christ in the past. That is the way we Theosophists explain it.

"What manner of boy is Krishnamurti? Early in his birth place in Northern India he began to attract notice as a prodigy. It is declared that his history has been traced back for thousands of years. What are described as his marvellous purity of nature and character were responsible for the Theosophists believing that very early were manifested traits of the spiritual soul. And when he was twelve—

significant age—the boy wrote a book in English after studying the language several months. It is called 'At the Feet of the Master.' Within a year after its first publication it was translated into fourteen different languages and read eagerly by thousands and thousands of people. It is declared that 'no one, be he Christian, Buddhist, Jew or Mohammedan, can take up this small book without realizing that in extraordinarily simple and beautiful English is contained the essence of life, and vital truth, for attaining the facts of Initiation unto the Christ consciousness.' "

Horrible blasphemy! Yet this boy Krishnamurti is the special care of a group of intellectual (!) society women of England, among whom are Viscountess Churchill and Lady Emily Lutgens. During the absence of Miss Besant in India the guardian of the boy is Mrs. Jacob Bright, the widow of a noted English statesman. And these persons prostrate themselves before a Hindu boy! Thousands of women in this country are looking eagerly forward to the proposed visit of this boy!

Two years ago when it was announced that Abdul Baha, the Persian Anti-Christ and deceiver was to come to this country, we predicted for him a great success. How he was received with open arms throughout this country is well known to our readers. Now if this Hindu boy comes to our shores to lecture he will even receive a greater welcome. We expect that he too, like Abdul Baha, will address audiences in Baptist, Methodist, Congregational and Episcopal "church" buildings.

Reginald Campbell, the friend and admirer of Abdul Baha, came first to this country. Campbell, in spite of his denials of the Son of God, received an enthusiastic welcome and hundreds of preachers complimented the man and his message. Then Abdul Baha and now another one! How true the Word of God is! "Because they received not the

love of the truth, that they might be saved, and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned, who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess. ii:10-12). Abdul Baha and Krishnamurti are forerunners of the Man of Sin. He will be, when he comes, received with open arms by apostate Christendom. We are privileged to see strange things. God's Word is being increasingly vindicated by the signs of the times.

Mrs. Besant Unmasked. The following is an extract from the "*London Times*." As Mrs. Annie Besant and her wicked cult, as well as "the Order of the Star of the East," have found a widespread acceptance, we print it as a whole, hoping that thereby some of the poor dupes of that woman may be delivered. Our readers will remember that this boy Krishnamurthi was announced by Mrs. Besant as "the great coming world-leader." What rottenness must be underneath the whole thing may be learned from the following:

In the Madras High Court Justice Bakewell delivered judgment in favor of Mr. G. Narayan Iyer in a suit which he brought against Mrs. Besant, president of the Theosophical Society, for the custody of his two sons, who are at present studying in this country. The suit was filed in October last, and has attracted much attention in India, where Mrs. Besant, the foundress of the Central Hindu College at Benares, has been working for some years to raise its status to that of a Hindu University for the whole country.

The plaintiff, a Government pensioner residing in Triplicane, stated in his plaint that in 1909 he, being a member of the Theosophical Society, Adyar, was invited by Mrs. Besant to do the work of assistant correspondence secretary of the esoteric section, which office he accepted without remuneration. He took his two sons, J. Krishnamurthi, aged seventeen, and J. Milyananda, aged fourteen, and lived at the theosophical quarters in South Adyar. Mr.

W. L. Leadbeater, of the Theosophical Society, undertook the education of the boys. Soon after, the plaintiff became dissatisfied with the moral and intellectual education they were receiving and with Mr. Leadbeater's influence upon them. In her written reply Mrs. Besant denied the allegations made against Mr. Leadbeater and submitted that the suit has been undertaken from political motives and personal malice, because she had sought to inspire the student population with loyalty to the Empire.

In his evidence the plaintiff alleged misconduct by Mr. Leadbeater towards his sons, and as the charges were too indecent to be given orally the witness wrote out a portion of his evidence and handed it to the Court. The witness complained to Mrs. Besant on several occasions without success, but in March, 1911, she took the boys to Benares and thence to London, but returned in the autumn. Between October and December, 1911, Mrs. Besant told the witness that his boys were making rapid progress spiritually, and that for their advancement in that direction she proposed to keep them with Mr. Leadbeater in a cool place like Ootacamund. On his remonstrating against the boys being kept with Mr. Leadbeater, Mrs. Besant told him not to be silly. Mr. Leadbeater and the boys went to Benares, whither the witness followed them, and where he heard further allegations of Mr. Leadbeater's conduct toward his boys. On December 31, 1911, he demanded that the boys should be completely separated from Mr. Leadbeater. Mrs. Besant refused, saying that they had been together in their past lives, that he was taking an interest in the boys, that he was *Anarhat* and should not be talked about lightly.

Mr. Leadbeater described the allegations against him by the plaintiff as an atrocious falsehood. He said that he treated Krishnamurthi, who was being trained as a *Sanyasi*, with great respect and reverence. In cross-examination, the witness said that he had been conducting certain clairvoyant experiments with Mrs. Besant; he had heard her call him "a man on the threshold of divinity." He had seen things in Mars and Mercury. It was true he had stood face to face with "the Supreme Director of Evolution." In order to escape the effect of thoughts, forms and certain astral aspects, in the case of two or three boys, the advice he was alleged by witnesses for the plaintiff to have given. When he gave the

advice he treated the problem as physiological rather than moral. He still held the same views, but in deference to Mrs. Besant's wishes he had promised not to give this advice any longer. He still adhered to what he had said, that he did not care for the pruderies of convention but only took into account the realities of life. He had been entrusted with the work of training theosophical aspirants by the super-human beings who were the real leaders of the theosophists.

Mrs. Besant's Arguments.

Mrs. Besant conducted her own case, and in giving evidence said she took Krishnamurthi to England to train him for the spiritual leadership of the world. He was to be devoted to the religious life, and the reason for separating him from others was that he might not be suddenly roused from his trance, which would endanger his life. She intended both the boys to go to Oxford, and they had been accepted from October, 1912. They were both to lead celibate lives. Subsequently addressing the Court she argued that the welfare of the boys was sure to be better looked after by her than by the plaintiff. She would admit the absolute control of a father over his boys only up to the fourteenth year. She urged that a letter written by the plaintiff in March, 1910, was a complete waiver of his rights over his boys. The elder boy would be of age in a few weeks and would then be free to return to his father if he chose. The younger boy was a brilliant youth with high ambitions, and it would be a piece of cruelty to stop him from prosecuting his studies in England.

The Judgment.

Mr. Justice Bakewell, in delivering judgment, held that the evidence against Mr. Leadbeater in respect to the boy Krishnamurthi was unsatisfactory. But, while concluding that the serious charges against Mr. Leadbeater had not been established, his Lordship held that from the evidence he had given, **Mr. Leadbeater was certainly an immoral person and was highly unfit to be in charge of the boys.** The plaintiff was right in saying that his sons should not be allowed to associate with him. His Lordship also came to the conclusion that the plaintiff had every right to take back his sons, notwithstanding the deed which he had executed transferring

their guardianship to Mrs. Besant. For the welfare of the boys they must be placed under their father's protection, and must be declared wards of the Court. He accordingly directed Mrs. Besant to hand over the boys to the plaintiff on or before May 26.

American Shrine of Bahaism. Everything seems to be found on the Pacific Coast—Christian Scientists, Theosophists, Spiritualists, and a dozen other cults flourish there. The financial sects and parties of deluded people can hardly be counted. Los Angeles has now also a "sacred shrine" of Bahaism. The first convert to that Oriental delusion was a man by name of Thornton Chase. The wicked leader of Bahaism has designated his grave a sacred shrine. The Persian prime minister to the United States and other adherents to Bahaism are now preparing to rear a memorial and a chapel at the grave of this man Chase, with the intention that it be an international meeting place for centuries to come. Charles M. Remy, of Washington, son of Rear-Admiral Remy, has charge of the erection of the memorial. He is one of the prominent leaders of Bahaism and is devoting his wealth and energy to advance Bahaism. The converts to Bahaism include men and women of national and international reputation.

Bahaism is one of the predicted Satan-cults of the end time. It is a way preparer for Anti-christ. Its American supporters are those who never knew Christ as their Saviour. It is a striking fulfillment of 2 Tim. iv:4: "And they shall turn away their ears from the Truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

He Has Come. He has come—the counterfeit messenger of Peace, Abdul Baha, head of the Bahaistic cult. Most of his followers believe him to be a reincarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ and worship him as such. His

success in England has been tremendous. It will be greater in this country. This Oriental travels with a private physician to watch over his health. His first public appearance in America was made in an aristocratic Episcopal church in New York.

Garbed in the white robe and tarboosh or Oriental priesthood, Abdul Baha, son of the founder of the Bahai cult, preached a message of religious unity and universal peace from the pulpit of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, at Fifth Avenue and Tenth Street, yesterday morning. Following his sermon he stood at the altar and facing the East after the manner of sun worshippers offered a prayer in Persian.

Is it possible! A sun worshipper, for such he is, in a "Christian Church" offering a prayer in Persian! What will hundreds of true Christians say to this who are members of this denomination? No doubt this poor, blinded, lost soul will be welcomed by other Evangelical "churches" to offer a prayer in Persian and to give his message of a false peace, a false, satanic unity. There is no question the apostasy is on and develops rapidly. The eyes of the millions of church members, without Christ and without the Gospel are being fast blinded by the god of this age, through his chosen instruments, R. J. Campbell, Abdul Baha and others. Peace and safety, all is well! This is their message. It precedes the sudden judgment of God. How long will God permit the obnoxious thing to go on? How long will He hold back His wrath? Surely it must soon come.

All who love the Lord Jesus Christ and stand for the faith have but one way before them in these dark days. They must separate themselves from the apostate thing

and refuse fellowship to that which dishonors Christ and His work. This is the only way.

The Spread of Mormonism. In 1890 there were 144,352 Mormons in the United States, now there are said to be 400,000 in the United States, and 20,000 in other lands. In 1910 over 16,000 new members were gained by birth, more than half of the total, and by proselyting. Two thousand Mormon missionaries are at work (about 800 in the United States), who visit about 2,000,000 homes annually and distribute their literature, and hold some 50,000 meetings. Mormonism is paganism veneered with Christian terminology. It teaches that there are many gods, who were formerly men and women, have flesh and bones, are sinners, and often live in polygamy; that there is no Trinity, but that Christ is a polygamist and the Holy Spirit is a fluid; that Adam is the god of this world and each world has its own god; that sin is a necessity for all; that there is a "priesthood," which constitutes "the only right government" and receives continuous revelation which supersedes all, if desired; that there are four Bibles; and so on.

No reader of these tenets of Mormonism can fail to see the necessity of preaching the Gospel to its adherents, even if he is not conscious of the evil and moral degradation which follow in the train of Mormonism.

Another Warning on Bahaism. The wicked Abdul Baha with his smooth message of unity and peace is making through his increasing followers a rapid progress with the spread of his delusive system. We have sounded the warning for several years. We saw recently a very strong exposure of Bahaism by a Persian missionary of

excellent standing. Mr. Peter F. Easton, of Tabriz, has the following to say on this delusion:

"I am firmly convinced that strong utterances should be made to awaken American Christians to the truth of Abdul Baha's propaganda. Bahaism is not Christian, it is not Mohammedan, on the contrary it is essentially anti-Christian and anti-Mohammedan and the manner in which men like Dr. Campbell and Archdeacon Wilberforce in England have taken up Abdul Baha simply proves them to be as credulous as the lawyer in a pending case who sent five-pound notes to spirits. I greatly fear that this cult of Bahaism may find fruitful ground in the United States and I am anxious to raise my voice and urge Christians to crush it in its infancy.

"Last September I called on Abdul Baha, the head of the Bahaistic sect in London, to tell me what was the creed, a new gospel or what. I found him a man of great affability and courtesy. He was glad to meet with an Occidental who could talk with him in Tatar Turkish, the language of Azerbaijan, Persia, in which and in the adjoining Caucasus I have been laboring as a missionary since 1873.

"After some introductory conversation I asked him what this message was, had he anything to add to the New Testament teaching of repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ?

"Instead of answering my question he turned the conversation into another channel. Several times I endeavored to bring it back to the original topic, but beyond certain general statements as to his belief in all the prophets I could get no definite reply. So far, therefore, as an answer to my question was concerned my visit was a failure.

"It is a pantheistic, not a Christian, not even a Mohammedan movement; one of the long series of such movements beginning with the very beginning of Persian history and continuing to the present day, a movement likewise akin to the pantheistic sects of other lands such as Mormons, Spiritists, Theosophists, Christian Scientists, etc. What then is the essential characteristic of Pantheism? It is the doctrine that there is no personal God who creates, governs and controls all things, but only a divine essence out of which all things are evolved, the various orders of the world

marking the stages of evolution—first mineral, then plant, animal and finally man.

“Who then in this Behai movement is this head? Is it Abbas Effendi Abdul Baha, the present leader? No, for Abdul Baha means the servant of Baha, the father of the present leader, who died at Acre, Syria, in 1892. The movement is also called, from him, the Bahal movement.

“What sort of man was this Baha? His first prominent role was that of an Absolom. After the death of the Bab, the founder of the movement, in 1850 Baha’s half-brother, Suth-i-Ezel, became the head of the sect, holding undisputed and absolute sway over the Babis Church. Baha, joining him after his flight to Bagdad in 1852 was entrusted by Suth-i-Ezel with the practical direction of affairs, a position which Baha used to steal the hearts of his brother’s followers.

“When banished to Acre along with some of the followers of Suth-i-Ezel, who were sent there by the Turkish Government to watch his movements, every one of these men was assassinated by the followers of Baha. The same is true of almost all the prominent leaders of Ezel’s movement, who one by one disappeared by foul play on the part of too zealous Behais.

“His next role, that in which he was above all pre-eminent, was that of a blasphemer. These are some of the titles that were applied to him—‘Our God El Abha,’ ‘The Everlasting Father,’ ‘The Lord of the Vineyard.’ One of his followers was allowed to address him with the saying that it was a shame to compare God to him. In short he was a moral and spiritual monster who exalted himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped. To become a Bahal means to put this antichrist in the place of God and Father of Our Lord. That is what the people of Great Britain and the United States are invited to do.

“I hope I have said enough to rouse the Christians of America to a sense of danger in encouraging or tolerating Abdul Baha’s propaganda. It strikes at the basis of Christianity.”

Expansion and Increase of “Christian Science.” A few years ago when Mrs. Eddy died the prediction was made by many that the Christian Science cult would soon

die out. The opposite has come to pass. It is expanding and increasing constantly. It must be so, for this Science, falsely so called (1 Tim. vi:20) has in it all the elements of anti-Christianity and is a masterpiece of Satan. We were astonished at the strength this cult has attained on the Pacific Coast. It is increasing more rapidly in the Pacific States than perhaps anywhere else. During our visit to the Coast we gave a testimony against it and showed the true character of this movement. Each time we did "Christian Science" leaders attacked us in the public press, charging us with misrepresentations and claiming that "Christian Science" does not deny the Deity of Christ, etc. Some of these newspaper attacks were very bitter.

One of these was answered by a brother in North Yakima. We quote part of his reply:

What Mr. Gaebelein did in his lecture on "Modern Day Delusions" was to lay down the foundations of Christian faith. These in brief were four: 1st, "That the Bible is God's Word and all of God's Word to us; that it is true and inerrant." 2nd, That Jesus Christ was the eternal Son of God in the bosom of the Father before the world was; that by Him and for Him all things were made; that He was God manifest in the flesh, the only begotten Son of God. 3rd, That He died upon the Cross to save lost sinners; that He made peace with God for us through the blood of His cross; that He bore our sins in his own body on the Cross; that through faith in His blood, we are freely justified and saved. 4th, That man must be born again, by true faith in Christ crucified for him, in order to be saved, and that if he is not born again but dies in his sins, where Christ is he cannot go, but that he is lost for all eternity and the wrath of God abides upon him. If we line up Christian faith it shows that the saints of God from the earliest days have believed these things. The apostles believed and taught them, while infidels and unbelievers denied them, and the Christian Science, theosophy, spiritualism, higher criticism, new thought, etc., were each in their turn measured by this standard. Their

own statements were taken regardin the divinity of Christ, His death, His bodily resurrection. Jesus said, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood which is shed for the remission of sins," and his disciple John says that "the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin." Now every one of the above mentioned cults boldly declare that they do not believe these things. Mrs. Eddy says, "**That the sacrifice of one man no matter how great can never answer for another man's sins.**" No misrepresentation of any one of these beliefs was made; in fact, they were truly represented by their own utterances and shown to believe contrary to the Bible. If your faith cannot stand before the written word, what will it do when it comes into the presence of the living Word at judgment?

"Christian Science" will continue to draw to itself the large mass of ignorant "church members" who were never born again. As the end approaches it will become more powerful and more influential. It is one of the leading delusions of the last days, a delusion which God permits that those who hardened their hearts against the Gospel may believe the lie.

Giving Heed to Seducing Spirits. The daily press has of late announced the arrival of an Italian medium, a woman with the high sounding name of Eusapia Paladino. She is described by the psychical researchers, the polite name for spiritualists, as a perfect wonder. She "converted" the late Cesare Lombroso to spiritualism and shook the doubting Cammille Flammarion and has been, so it is said, the puzzle of the psychologists, physiologists and other scientific men of the world. Her converts are some of the leading scientists. This peasant woman has been brought to America to give a number of seances. Her price for a single sitting is \$250. Among those who are backing her up and shall investigate her powers are professors of Columbia and Harvard Universities, a president

of another university, physicians and private individuals. No doubt this imported medium will have lots of work to do and make thousands. She refuses to give exhibitions before large crowds, only a few are permitted to be present. In Italy she has been detected in trickeries, such as practiced by other mediums. Among the "wonderful" things stated is a scar, which she has on the forehead and from which, during a seance, there blows a cold breeze, which is strong enough to move a sheet of paper when held in front of it.

That a lying spirit possesses this poor woman seems evident. The poor professors, who have no use for the miracles of the Bible, who reject the miracles of our Lord as unscientific, these men become the dupes of possessed women and can believe that a cold breeze blows from an old scar! How the predictions of the Bible concerning the last days are increasingly fulfilled. The Bible, God's Holy Word, rejected, men and women turn to fables and give heed to seducing spirits. Those seducing spirits become more numerous and more powerful and all who depart from the Truth will become the prey of them sooner or later. Like King Saul apostate Christendom has rejected the Word of God and turns to those who have familiar spirits (1 Chronicles x:13-14).

Still Another Cult. Still another cult, or rather the same old demonism, known as Spiritualism, is being dished up by another deceiving name. The new cult was launched recently in Chicago by the "very Rev." Sam. Fallows, bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Chicago and head of the Emmanuel (falsely so-called) movement in Chicago. He calls his new cult "Immortalism, the science religion." According to this bishop

the cult is "the science of communication with the spirits of the departed." The man denies that it is spiritualism. The devil always likes to hide his deception and produce his old lies in new garbs. He has done so in Christian Science and its twin the Emmanuel delusion, and he does so continually with spiritualism. He works the latter more than anything else. He has a reason for it. The "departed friends" who give messages from the unseen are disguised demons. Through these demons Satan gets possession of the bodies and souls of men and women who expose themselves to these influences. No wonder he works this scheme. He will work it still more in the future, and will gladly assist professors, clergymen and bishops in making communication with evil spirits a reality. This Bishop Fallows said "Geography and arithmetic are parts of a business education. Communications with spirits will be much broader in its influence and so much more valuable that it must also be a part of the curriculum of colleges and schools. Immortalism is destined to become generally accepted by the intellectual world of the future."

"Telepathy is already an established fact, and it is but a part of immortalism. There are those who are already in touch with the spirit world. They do not advertise the fact, for they might be called insane and unbalanced. But observe the unerring judgment of certain men of great success; they seem to have the experience of a thousand lifetimes behind them and a vision into the future. Why should not others also have those powers through the aid of those who have lived out those thousand lives, and who may, for all we know, see into the future? Who but the spirits of the dead know those things? Some day we shall

talk to our dead friends and they will help us. It is not more impossible than the wireless telegraph, the telephone and other inventions that would have been termed witchcraft a hundred years ago."

No doubt the new spiritualistic movement started by a bishop of the Reformed Episcopal church will be successful. Surely the enemy is coming in like a flood.

The Revival of an Old Delusion. About one hundred years ago there lived in England a poor religious fanatic by the name of Joanna Southcott. Originally she was a domestic servant. She became a Methodist, and, pretending divine revelations, dictated prophecies in humdrum poetry. Then she proclaimed herself the woman of Revel. xii who was to be delivered of a man child. In her sixty-fourth year she affirmed to be delivered of that man child, a second Christ, whom she called Shiloh. She named the date, October 14, 1814, but died ten days later of dropsy. She was one of the saddest delusionists and her claims were sheer blasphemies.

Somebody sent us from England two volumes entitled "The Express." We read different parts of these two large volumes. They contained the sayings, poems and prophecies of this Joanna Southcott. It is claimed that she foretold that one hundred years later these books were to be published by a woman. The title page has this inscription: "My Express Must Fly—The Spirit of Truth! As foretold one hundred years ago, to be published by the hand of a woman in the tenth year of the century and containing the Life and Divine Writings of the late "Joanna Southcott." A woman then has fulfilled this prophecy and is used to revive the blasphemous claims of that deluded person.

More than once we shuddered as we read the words of this woman Southcott and closed the book with an unspeakable horror. She claimed that she had conceived like Mary by the Power of God and that the birth of her child would mean more for the world than the birth of Christ. She claimed that the Lord told her, "I suffered for the transgression of Man; in child-bearing thou wilt suffer for the transgression of Woman." Awful! Our pen refuses to copy more. And these abominable delusions, these hallucinations out of the pit are printed and published in England by a reputable press. We hope this hundred-year-old delusion will be completely ignored. We do not see how a sane person could for a moment believe this delusion.

Church of Humanity. Still Worse. A friend sent us a copy of a sheet, which, he informs us, was placed recently in hundreds of homes in the City of Buffalo. The name of the paper is "The Truth about God and Life," published in a little Kansas town. The first paragraph gives an outline for what this sheet of abomination stands.

"A cheerful greeting and best wishes for a long, happy, healthy, and wealthy life to all. This little educator is distributed by the Church of Humanity to introduce to all people Kerr's great discovery in nature that the universe contains no real god in nature, that man contains no soul and that life is ended forever in each person at death. That all gods, saviors, souls, saints, devils, spirits, angels, heaven, hell, purgatory, etc., are purely mythical, having no real existence whatever in nature. This church has over three hundred members in the United States and is duly organized and incorporated to teach these dis-

coveries," etc. The writer of these words of wickedness is evidently a very ignorant man. Every inch of the sheet is a blasphemy against God and His Revelation. It is, however, so outspoken in its infidelity that the large majority of people will throw it aside. Yet it shows that the predicted days of evil are upon us and that the "man of sin" "**who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God**"—cannot be far away.

A Few Words on Russellism. How does "Pastor Russell" win the crowd and get the money? He is literally drawing the crowd and he is also getting the money in vast sums, for his advertising schemes are world-wide, and entail expenditures that stagger the minds of those who know the cost of such efforts.

Now for the how and why. The world is full of superficial people, who want a sleasy (lacking firmness of texture or substance; thin, flimsy) religion. That Millennial Dawnism is about the flimsiest that has ever been unloaded on a gullible humanity is hardly a question for debate. It is a clever reproduction of all the heresies of past ages, put on the modern market under a brand new label, that fairly shines.

It seems as though in his earlier years, in his haberdasher's shop in Allegheny, when business was dull, or after business hours, Russell had gathered together all the scraps and remnants of ancient errors, such as Gnosticism (know-it-all-ism), Manicheism, Arianism, Sabelianism, Apollinarism, Nestorianism, Eutychianism, Pelagianism, etc., etc., and had cast them, one and all, into the fusing pot of his own great and fervid imagination, and that "Millennial Dawnism" came forth to enlightened (?) benighted humanity; though to give all the side-

lights in the case as to the authorship of this clever system of untruth, it should be stated that Russell's divorced wife claims to have written most of it.

At any rate, here it is, and surely it is succeeding beyond Russell's highest dreams.

Give the average man a guarantee that there is no hell, and you will tickle him in the right place. Tell him that the heathen are not lost, and it meets his heartiest approval. Show him that the worst the very wicked (Russell's few incorrigibles, for it seems that even he is not equal to saving all sinners) need expect is non-existence after death, and he is "with you." He will wax eloquent in expatiating upon and in defending such an easy-going, "common-sense," satisfying religion, and will subscribe handsomely and voluntarily for its promulgation.

We have observed Russellism for a long time and have never yet known an unregenerate person who looked into it, but who liked it. It is a religion made strictly for the fleshy man, and is a perfect fit.

But how is it that all these great Millennial Dawn revelations have been so long in reaching us?

Is it not a pity that, after the Lord had kept them secret for so long a time, that "Pastor Russell" should now expose them?

Just one sample of "Pastor Russell's" brilliant (!) exegesis. It is based on 1 Timothy ii:6, (Christ Jesus) "who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time." He uses this as one of the foundation stones of his system, dwelling on the "ransom for all" as the ground for belief in a universal salvation, making the testifying to be his (Russell's) own in this the "due time." This,

to be sure, is an absurd rendering, and should forever shut him off from serious consideration, for even the slightest study will reveal the meaning of the passage to be as follows: "(Christ Jesus) who gave Himself as the redemption price for all—a fact testified to at its own appointed time" (that is, when Christ hung on the cross) (Weymouth's translation).

But the main point at which we are now aiming in order to show Russell's inconsistency is this, that while here claiming that Christ died for **all**, yet he is not long in stumbling over the "incorrigibles;" so hopeless are these that even Russell must consign them to judgment, which in his hands amounts to annihilation. But see into what a trap of his own making Russell has fallen, for his **all** is not all, after all.

His own "incorrigibles" mar the allness of his argument. Now, if Russell's all is not all, surely orthodoxy may be allowed the same privilege of making exceptions, and this it does by affirming, on the basis of many Scripture passages, that while Christ gave Himself a ransom for all, only those who accept Him become the beneficiaries of His saving grace.

Finally, let us ask, suppose Russell is wrong? Suppose that, notwithstanding his assurances, there is a hell of torment for the ungodly? Suppose it is true "that he that believeth not is condemned already," and that "the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment?" Suppose there is a "lake of fire?" The Scriptures affirm all these things. Suppose the Bible as it has been understood by godly, gifted men for centuries, is right and Russell is wrong? Only suppose this, and the possibilities of the harm resulting from Russell's influence in

blindly leading the blind is too horrible for contemplation.
—*Episcopal Recorder*.

Christian Science Heaven. It is painful to find when one speaks against the Christian Science cult, that here and there persons who have leanings towards this masterpiece of Satan deny that it is in any way against the Gospel. These “church members” who make such assertions are ignorant of the Gospel and equally ignorant of what “Christian Science” is. Recently some of these unsaved church members, who dabble in Christian Science, told us that they knew Christian Science teachers held the same truth about Christ and Heaven as evangelical Christians hold.

It happened that a few days after we saw the July number of the *Christian Science Journal*. The leading article in this issue is from the pen of the prominent teacher of that system. This is what he has to say about heaven:

Christian Science puts aside the mythologic concept of heaven as a place, and shows it to be a state or condition of mind. It follows, therefore, that its attainment depends upon the mental processes of the individual. In other words, it affirms that right thinking which leads to right living is the sure passport to heaven.

What foolish nonsense this is! If the Word of God teaches anything, it teaches that heaven is a place, “the Father’s house with many mansions.” Heaven is a place where the throne of God is, and upon the Father’s throne there sits now the Man Christ Jesus. All this is denied by this wicked system. Not right thinking and right living is the passport to heaven, but the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. That precious blood is not alone rejected by Christian Science, but ridiculed and blas-

phemed. Hebrews x:29 applies to them, "Of how much greater punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite to the Spirit of Grace?" Men and women who accept Christian Science are simply lost souls.

Serpent Worshippers. The worship of the serpent is the worst form of idolatry. According to the revelation of the first chapter in Romans the history of idolatry is as follows: "Professing themselves wise they became fools." That is, the Gentile world had originally a knowledge of God. This was given up and in their own wisdom they tried to find out things by searching; thus they became fools. "And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things" (Rom. i:22-23).

The Moki Indians in Arizona hold yearly the "Snake Dance." They worship the snake and their abominable, vile ceremonies are held to induce the big snake to send rain. When they liberate many snakes, it is that they should tell the big snake to send rain. The Snake represents Satan and the smaller snakes, the demons. Missionaries assure us that these religious heathen ceremonies are followed by the vilest orgies, corresponding to the divine record in the first chapter of Romans.

The Editor spent in August a week in Arizona only a short distance from where these wild dances were executed. It is sad to think that "Christian" men and women can go and witness these snake dances. Scores of white people attend every year, and these poor lost heathen, in the

midst of our land, have been so encouraged in their wicked ways, that they hold these orgies every year, instead of every four years. Few of these white men and women, not even Colonel Roosevelt, who attended this year, seem to realize that by witnessing these degrading dances, they help keeping these lost souls in the devil's grip. The Missionaries at work in these reservations are deeply grieved over the thoughtless curiosity of so many professing Christians, who become partakers of the evil deeds of these lowest of all idolators.

“Pastor” Russell. Inasmuch as this man, the self-styled “great preacher and expositor” continues to parade through this country, scattering his evil teachings and doing great harm, we are obliged to continue our warning.

The *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* has taken special care to investigate the record of this man and to expose him. That his wife received a divorce from him is well known. The following extract from the *Eagle* gives additional information:

“The Court of Common Pleas, to which Mrs. Russell appealed for alimony, denied Pastor Russell's plea that he was penniless. The court heard evidence showing that he had transferred property worth \$317,000 to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, of which he is the president. Referring to one transaction involving a sheriff's sale of property worth \$20,000 for less than \$200, the court said:—‘The purpose of this whole transaction was to deprive the wife of her dower interest and was a fraud on her.’ The evidence produced against him in the alimony case was that he accumulated a fortune through stock speculation and donations from his followers, who are taught to believe that the millennium is due in October, 1914.”

Such is the man, who poses as “a great one,” as special servant of God to teach God's Word and feed the flock

of Christ. It is enough evidence to open the eyes of every decent man and woman.

The Work of Satan in the Mission Fields. The Satanic delusions of the latter days are not confined to America and England. They are being successfully propagated in heathen lands. "Millennial Dawnism" with its blasphemies against our Lord and general counterfeiting of the Truth of God circulates its literature in India, China and elsewhere. Christian Science and other evil systems do the same. Still worse, however, is it when the "New Theology" and "Higher Criticism" send their adherents to the Mission field. Certain societies send out men, who deny the Christ of God and the Blood. Their damnation is a thousand times worse than the damnation of the heathen they try to civilize. A large number of missionaries have of late sent out an appeal, part of which appeared in "The Christian," (London) from which we quote.

It is a matter of grave concern and one which should cause to all who are loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ deep heart-searchings and true humility, as they realize how sadly the Church's testimony has been weakened and her Lord betrayed by those purporting to be of the "household of faith."

The paralyzing results of Higher Criticism and the New Theology affect, not only the great body of Christians in the home lands, but indirectly, yet definitely, through the inevitable outcome, **retrenchment**, also the efforts being put forth in the foreign field. This, however, is but the beginning of a sea of trouble, the roar of whose angry waves is already to be heard, for the cries of **assured** victory, hailing from the walls of Doubting Castle, are echoing and re-echoing from pulpit, platform, and Press throughout this land. . .

In reference to certain statements made, practically denying the Godhead of Christ, some three years ago, a few Indian pastors wrote: "These things have naturally disturbed Indian Christians,

and have also given a handle to non-Christians to believe that, after all, Christians have come to the conclusion that their own view of the Person of Christ is not very different from that which is held by the Unitarians and the Prathana Samajists." Comment is superfluous.

Realizing the extreme gravity of the position in Western and other parts of India, we write to express our deep concern at the efforts being put forth to propagate the teachings of Higher Criticism and the New Theology, which, in the home lands, have destroyed the faith of so many in the Bible, and have attacked the truth of the Deity of Christ; which, also in the foreign field, are a grave menace to true unity in Gospel service. We would also "set to our seal that God is true," and that we "are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ" which "is the power unto God unto salvation"; it being our firm conviction that the Gospel, as unfolded by the Holy Spirit in the inspired Word, is to-day **India's one great need**.

We would call upon Christians to beware of sending out men and women in the capacity of missionaries, who are not "sound in the faith" or who are still "halting between two opinions." India to-day needs men and women, who through faith and experience have deep convictions, and who by life and lip will preach "Christ and Him crucified."

Such is Satan's work. He attempts a worldwide overthrow of the faith delivered unto the Saints. Christians should be very careful in the support of missions, less they become partakers of the wicked deeds of critics and deniers of the faith, whom different societies send out.

Social Conditions.

A Bad Outlook for Reformers. Before us is the latest report of the United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue. He reports an astounding increase in the sale of cigarettes and intoxicants. During the three months, from July 1 to October 1, the past year, this nation consumed a million more cigarettes than during the same period of 1911. Worse is the increase in alcoholic beverages. The nation drank during these three months three hundred and twenty thousand more barrels of beer and four hundred and fifty thousand more gallons of whiskey than during the same three months of 1911. This increase is the more appalling in view of the great efforts made by the reformers and prohibitionists, who make the foolish claim, that this nation is about to stop the manufacturing and sale of all alcoholic drinks. And preachers can, in spite of all these evidences, continue to speak of "this Christian nation" and how the church is rapidly changing the moral condition of the world. These false prophets are ignorant of what God's Word predicts about the end of this age and they are equally ignorant of existing conditions.

Lawlessness, Violence and Murder. The confession of the McNamara brothers has brought to light an awful condition of things. It seems these men for years resorted

to deeds of violence and are responsible for the lives of a number of people. Behind them others stood who are equally responsible. What the investigation now in progress will bring to light remains to be seen. The current of anarchy is far stronger than it is generally known. We quote from one of the leading dailies of New York City:

American Socialism made a fool of itself over the McNamara case, and a very dangerous fool at that. The McNamaras were not Socialists, but no labor leaders were so virulent as the Socialists in denouncing the arrests. No labor leaders used such incendiary language as the Socialists in seeking to convince the country that these men were martyrs who were about to be murdered by a bloodthirsty capitalism.

Mr. Debs practically defied the courts to convict the McNamaras. Immediately after their arrest, the "Call," the organ of the Socialists in New York, said: "The same attempt is made to arouse public fury not so much that the McNamaras may be murdered, but in order that the working class may be beaten into submission." Everywhere Socialists seized upon the incident to preach a more vindictive gospel of class war.

Even when the stunning confession became public, no Socialist leader expressed the faintest degree of horror at the crimes that had been committed. They were all engaged in reviling the confession as a "plant" to injure the Socialist ticket in the Los Angeles election. It was not until the country had begun to appreciate the full significance of the pleas of guilty that Socialist leaders suddenly discovered that they were opposed to the use of dynamite in advancing their doctrines. But they had been preaching a class war in language that led logically to dynamite and murder. If social and economic conditions in this country are one-tenth part as bad as Socialist orators and writers pretend, workingmen would be justified in resorting to any weapons to release themselves from an intolerable slavery.

The fact of the matter is that under its irresponsible leadership American Socialism has been dealing in an incendiary demagogism that must inevitably turn such minds as those of the McNamaras.

Socialism cannot shirk its share of the responsibility and throw all the blame upon organized labor. Its language has consistently given the lie to its own doctrines.

Socialistic Sunday Schools. The remarkable rise and spread of Socialism is baffling the statesmen of all nations. In this country, in Germany, England and other lands the rising generation is being taught systematically the principles of Socialism and the hatred of the rich. The following is a report of what is done in this direction in England:

"The character of the ideas taught in the Socialist Sunday Schools established in England for the purpose of making Socialists out of children has served as a basis for protests to the newspapers. One writer asserts that this conversation took place in such an institution:

The Teacher—Can a boy socialist be a Boy Scout?

Answer—No, comrade.

The Teacher—Why cannot a boy socialist be a Boy Scout?

Answer—Because a Boy Scout has to salute the Union Jack.

The Teacher—Why must not a boy socialist salute the Union Jack?

Answer—Because the Union Jack is an emblem of oppression and slavery."

It is dreadful to think what the harvest will be ere long from this kind of seed. "Despising authorities and speaking evil of dignities" (Jude vii) is one of the predicted marks of the apostasy. Utter lawlessness cannot be far away. The restraining power in the world, the Holy Spirit, holds it still in check.

The Solemn Lessons of a Great Disaster. The most magnificent steamship ever built, the *Titanic*, collided during a clear night with an iceberg and sunk in a few hours. Over 1,500 human beings lost their lives and were swept suddenly into eternity. Among the passengers were some of the wealthiest men of the world, as well as

others well known in the sphere of literature, art and science. Perhaps never before a ship sailed the ocean which carried such prominent men, leaders of society and the financial world. Their baggage contained millions of dollars worth of precious stones, pearls and other treasures. A few hours only and this proud monarch of the ocean found a grave and resting place some 12,000 feet below the water level. Many of the great men perished with all their wealth. But a few of their bodies were recovered. It was on a Sunday night when the *Titanic*, going at a high speed, hurled itself against an immense wall of ice. Different witnesses declared that it was a night of merry-making. A ball was going on and the band played at its best, while others were engaged in card-playing. Even when the crash came few realized the danger. The officers for a time laughed down the idea that the ship could sink. And then the horrible scenes which followed and the deathwail of the hundreds which went into the watery grave. But there is no need to describe the details of this greatest sea disaster of the world. Our friends are sufficiently familiar with it from the reports of the daily papers. We turn our attention to a few of the lessons this terrible event teaches.

We are convinced that **our God has given a solemn warning to this age** in the sinking of the *Titanic*. We feel that this dreadful disaster was permitted by our Lord for a wise and great purpose. The age, which is soon to close is "Man's Day." It is the age of boasting and the age of defiance of God and His laws as the Creator. As all intelligent readers of the Word of God know, the god of this age is "Satan" (2 Cor. iv:4); and he blinds the eyes of them that believe not. His object is to make men believe that this age is constantly improving, getting

better and will thus go on indefinitely. God's Word declares that it is an evil age, an age of unrighteousness and that its end will come suddenly in great and mighty judgments of God. Satan, as the god of this age, has used the progress, inventions and achievements of late years to back up his lies. He uses the supposed fireproof skyscrapers, earthquakeproof buildings, unsinkable ships, wireless telegraphy and other things to blind the world to the real conditions of things in this age and lulls thereby the great mass of people into a false security. And now one of the greatest achievements of this age, a great swimming palace of immense size, filled with all the luxurious appointments to satisfy the lusts of the flesh and the eye, a marvellous structure in which a thousand modern day inventions were united, an "unsinkable ship," is wiped out of existence on its maiden trip! Surely God has spoken. God, so to speak, calls a halt to this age in its mad race for progress and improvement. The warning is a solemn one. Man's boasted progress cannot keep back disaster and judgment. That in a night, clear and calm, such a catastrophe should have happened is more than striking. It is a warning that still greater disasters will come. God has written it in His Word that judgments will be visited upon this age, when it has reached its heights, judgments such as the world has never known before. **The sinking of the "Titanic" is God's warning that He is not mocked and that He will deal soon in judgment with this age.** If one looks at downtown New York and sees upon this narrow strip of land the great awe-inspiring structures, perhaps greater than the tower of Babylon ever was, one thinks what an awful catastrophe if some day an earthquake should

shake this island. Who knows but that may be the next to humble man with his proud achievements.

The false security of the passengers and the absolute trust in the unsinkable ship gives us another solemn lesson. All reports said that there was no alarm when the collision occurred, officers and stewards allayed the fears of the passengers. The wireless operators joked about sending out the extreme danger signals calling for help. Even when the lifeboats were commanded to be in readiness and to be launched, only a few women went into the first one. And when the danger became more apparent men could stand about and believe in the absolute safety of the ship and trusted in the statement, "She cannot sink." Then suddenly the great ocean liner plunged forward and the poor souls hoping against hope were swept away by the seas or sunk into the terrible depths with the doomed vessel. Then what happened? Let an eyewitness give us the story.

"Then there happened the most terrible thing. I do not believe, as long as I live, that I shall ever be able to get out of my ears, my mind and my heart, the terrible cries of the sixteen hundred doomed souls which floated to us across the water.

"For an hour, through the darkness of the night, we heard them, the pitiful heartrending wailings of those dying in the water, for whom there was to be no help on earth. Then gradually one by one they died down, and we heard them no more.

"It was sad, sad, and we could do nothing for them. The cold, a bitter, numbing cold, which palsied nerves and muscles alike, had done its work and the sea had claimed those who had no right to die. I am told that one or two bodies were seen in the water afterward of persons frozen, and doubled stiffly by the awful cold."

In reading all this how one is reminded of that which is yet to come. "For when they shall say Peace and Safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them" (1 Thessal.

v:3). This disaster may be looked upon as a little sample of what is coming for this world with its mass of nominal Christians, unsaved and pleasure-seeking. Peace and Safety! This is the delusion Satan tries to strengthen, and he does it not alone by using the great achievements of the age but also by such lying "isms" like Christian Science, the New Theology, Bahaiism and others. Peace and Safety—then sudden destruction! What a wail of despair when God's judgments overtake this world at last! Then they will say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us and hide us; the great day of His Wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand (Rev. vi:15-17).

How gladly the multi-millionaires would have sacrificed their millions, the wealthy women their gems and magnificent gowns, if only they might have been saved. But all had lost its value. They had no more use for it all. Perhaps not once they remembered the beautiful idols of silver and gold. Death stared them in the face and after death, as God's holy Word tells us, the judgment.

All has its lessons and is but a little prelude what will be in the day when Jehovah deals in judgment with this earth. Then "they shall cast **their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed**; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord; they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels" (Ezek. vii:19). "And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord, and their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither **their silver nor their gold** shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath" (Zeph. i:17-18).

But will the world heed the warning of this disaster? Will the unsaved masses profit thereby? Will the rush of the age after the things of this passing age be arrested? A few weeks have passed since the great disaster and the above questions are answered. All goes on in its usual way. New plans are made to overcome difficulties and danger. There is no sign of repentance, no sign of turning to God and to the Lord Jesus Christ.

May we, His people, give heed to the solemn lessons of this great disaster. Judgment will be God's next work. We praise Him for His Mercy which hath delivered us and will deliver us from the wrath to come. May we use the time and our privileges as long as our Lord still waits in patience.

China's Hungry Millions. Another great famine has come to poor China. The last great famine a number of years ago claimed nine million victims, and it is now feared that the present one may assume similar proportions. What such a famine really is and means, we, in a land of plenty, can hardly realize. We quote from one who spent almost twenty years in China:

"It is difficult for us to realize the real horror of these extensive famines, confined almost wholly to China, India and Russia. Under the best conditions, the Chinese live but a sordid life devoid of many things we would regard as necessary to existence, and with every form of luxury unknown. What the Chinese know as prosperity, we should regard as the severest hardship, as it means a coarse and meagre living, a cramped and cheerless hut, and the most trying toil from the rising of the sun until the fall of darkness.

"Milk and butter are practically unknown; meat is rarely tasted oftener than once a week, and then only under prosperous conditions, and in the fat years there is little surplus to be saved for the lean years of famine. Hence, when drought or flood destroy

the crops, there is nothing for the hard-working farmers to fall back upon.

"In the case of a man of means, he sells first his cow, the water buffalo that ploughs his fields, then his farm utensils, and finally his household goods. One by one, all are 'eaten up,' as he would say. Then the doors and windows are taken from the mud-brick hut and carried to market, and at last the few timbers that support the roof go to nourish the family. Left at last without a roof, they join the endless procession of refugees, some to drop and die where they fall, and others to struggle and stagger onward, in the hope of reaching some more prosperous region. Often they are huddled into tiny huts, hardly larger than a half-barrel, cut endwise, and made of cheap matting, and in these camps pestilence soon finds its way, often in the form of relapsing fever, frequently the deadly typhus, and also in small-pox."

How thankful we ought to be for God's goodness to us in our own land. And some day God will visit the countries so privileged with sore judgments, including famines. Read Rev. vi:5-8. When one thinks of the luxurious living and the sinful waste, which goes on in this land of plenty, as well as the ingratitude to God, one feels that judgment must come some day. And too little compassion there is for the suffering millions on the other side of the globe.

The Socializing of Christianity. When, a few years ago, the American Institute of Social service began to issue the "kingdom lessons" introducing social questions into the Sunday School, we sounded a warning in our editorial remarks. We predicted that the Gospel and the Bible would surely be crowded out. A few years only and now we see an interdenominational movement in the council of church federation, adopting a creed, which ignores the Gospel of our salvation and substitutes the social questions of the day. Everywhere one hears the

statements, that the business of the church is to throw herself into the social side of things and that the old way of the preaching of the Gospel is no longer sufficient. We could fill many pages with reports of meetings, utterances by preachers and others, which reveal the almost universal drift of Christendom towards the socialistic idea. In the Brooklyn Methodist preachers meeting a Jewish Rabbi delivered, as the press gave it, "A New Epistle from the Hebrews."

Rabbi Nathan Krass, of Brooklyn, gave the Methodist ministers' meeting last Monday a lively "Epistle from a Hebrew," emphasizing the new social religion as a plane upon which Jew and Christian may unite in behalf of humanity and "make this world an antechamber of the world to come."

"Too much time is spent in discussing doctrine," said the rabbi, "and not enough in applying it. Preachers speculate a lot on how many angels can dance upon the point of a needle and forget about his angels who are suffering for the necessities of life. They split hairs on matters of theology.

"This is a new age, and the great emphasis of thought is upon human welfare. Theology has given away to sociology. Men are beginning to find out that God has great concern for humanity. His book does not have much about the world to come, but has a lot about this world. That is where the emphasis is, and we must make the world an antechamber to the divine dwelling—transform the present world. And that is where the Jew and the Christian can get together.

"You cannot convert me and I cannot convert you, but we can unite in an overture for our fellow men. If we can't get together on creeds we can get together in behalf of humanity. But what are we doing together? There are problems too shocking to name—there is the social evil. We can leave the Police department to those who are investigating it, though we have learned some things about it we did not know before.

"There are the same evils on Fifth avenue as on the east side. I overheard the butler of one of these castles of wealth, and what he

said could not be repeated even before you men; but I do not refer to that; what they do behind their closed doors we cannot prevent. But there are places where we can protect the girls, where they are underpaid for their work and driven to the streets. We can tackle the procurers, the white slavers and those who build the brothels and bring innocent girls to them. Many of these girls are weak, but we can prevent most of them from going into such places.

"Have you seen the play, 'Milestones'? I have, and its movement illustrates the movement of religious thought. There was the age of great faith, of theology, of eschatology—milestones—and now it is the age of sociology.

"And this is the epistle from a Hebrew—the heart-to-heart talk of a Jew to his Christian brethren."

He received the usual vote of thanks and compliments for his address. A few years more and where will this thing lead to? We firmly believe this socializing of Christianity, this reform-movement, this progressive-ecclesiastical endeavor to rule out and vote out vices and present day evils, this coming together for social service, is the finest game Satan is playing. He stands behind this whole business and is satisfied with it, as long as he can achieve his great object. His aim is against the Son of God and against the Gospel. There is no room for Christ, no room for Salvation by Grace in this social movement.

The Increasing Unrest of the World. This is an editorial from a daily published on the Pacific coast, it gives the present unrest of the world. Daily papers have their eyes far more wide open than some of the "religious leaders" with their optimistic programs.

Since the message of peace was borne on academic lips to the world, war has gradually become the order of the day; until now all the world is at war, or at least preparing for it.

In Europe the smaller nations have been at war for some time,

while the greater ones but wait an open chance to get into the conflict.

In Asia, Persia is in anarchy, expecting dissolution. In India, unrest has eaten into the very fibre of its people. In China, a newer revolution is arising from the ashes of the last, and the extent of its rebellion cannot be gauged. In Africa, the rioting which is taking place in Johannesburg merely exemplifies the anarchical state of that country, and the deadly danger it incurs from the countless colored people in the land.

In Australia, the united resistance to authority will create a condition of affairs in which all will feel hostile to freedom, here run riot.

But it is with matters more nearly at home that we are concerned. Within the past few weeks certain European nations have seen fit to interest themselves in American affairs and presume to dictate to this continent. Relying on their presumption, an Asian nation again stepped into untimely prominence, and has been hailed by a people of this country as their deliverer.

Mexico thus becomes to us of more immediate concern than the many warrings of the nations. In result, in almost every quarter of the earth war is in swift preparation, according to the wisdom of the rulers. But the prospective national wars are of small concern in comparison with the fermenting and rebellious nature of each people.

National strikes are on all sides in progress and indirectly retard the effective outlet of military operations. Thus internal wars may prevent international conflagrations. This is the condition of the world's peace so noisily out heralded."

This ever increasing unrest forebodes nothing good. It is the murmuring of the approaching storm, which will soon sweep in unprecedented fury over the earth.

Fire Losses by Suffragettes. The following taken from the *Times* is a list of the principal fire losses caused by suffragettes this year: Eight private houses, three cricket pavilions, two churches, two railroad depots, two race stands and a boathouse were destroyed or damaged.

| Date | Property | Locality | Estimated Loss |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Mar. 9.. | Railway St..... | Croxley Green..... | \$6,500 |
| April 4.. | Priv. House..... | Norwich..... | 10,000 |
| “ 5.. | Racestand..... | Ayr..... | 10,000 |
| “ 11.. | Cricket Pav..... | Tunbridge Wells..... | 6,000 |
| “ 15.. | Priv. House..... | St. Leonards..... | 25,000 |
| “ 27.. | Cricket Pav..... | Perth..... | 6,250 |
| May 6.. | Church..... | Hatcham..... | 75,000 |
| “ 9.. | Priv. House..... | Barrow..... | 30,000 |
| “ 10.. | Priv. House..... | Dundee..... | 50,000 |
| “ 12.. | Boathouse..... | Nottingham..... | 8,000 |
| June 4.. | Priv. House..... | Bradford, Wilts..... | 35,000 |
| “ 5.. | Cricket Pav..... | Muswell Hill..... | 5,000 |
| “ 8.. | Racestand..... | Hurst Park..... | 30,000 |
| “ 10.. | Priv. House..... | Edinburgh..... | 12,500 |
| “ 18.. | Church..... | Rowley Regis..... | 30,000 |
| “ 30.. | Ballikinrain Castle... | Stirlingshire..... | 125,000 |
| “ 30.. | Railway Station.... | Leuchars Junct..... | 10,000 |
| July 7.. | Bungalow..... | Rivington, Lanc..... | 100,000 |

Total estimated loss..... \$574,250

Several other fires have to be added and the end is not yet. There is only one explanation of all this, these wicked women are possessed by demons.

The Progress of Moral Corruption. During July a prize-fight occurred in London, England. Two men slugged away at each other for money which was offered to them. This wicked, barbaric sport was witnessed by thousands of people. The master of ceremonies, who stood up to announce the combatants was an English "clergyman," a certain "Reverend" J. K. Boudier. At least twenty more gentlemen of "the cloth" with their peculiar collars were in the audience to applaud the nasty, ungodly scene. We quote from the special cable despatch.

The scene about the ringside was one never to be forgotten by those privileged to see the coronation of a new lightweight monarch. The group of tight collared ministers in evening dress was but a trifle more dignified in behavior than the lords and dukes surrounding them. They applauded as heartily, if slightly less vociferously, the introductions of the champion and the challenger. And throughout the heated duel even the clergy so far forgot the straight and narrow path as to vent a hearty British cheer for some telling blow well sped.

Into bold relief these occasional slight indignities of the dignified threw the merry, mad abandon with which the richly gowned ladies voiced their appreciation of the struggle. Bejewelled matrons and budding debutantes who never would forget the stern mandates of decorum in the drawing room had an occasion here to turn back the leaves of time to the less civilized past. They exhorted, they applauded, they cheered; at times they waved their graceful arms or shrugged their pretty, bare shoulders as either pugilist rallied to turn the tide of battle.

More than a thousand women, among them many of the most exclusive aristocracy, saw the titanic struggle. And in their favor be it said they showed a shade more sportsmanship than the male element. For the men, like all men with money down, rooted loyal for the success of their respective choice, while the ladies—and some of them wagered as enthusiastically as their escorts—applauded without favor the skill of either man.

We cannot find words strong enough to condemn a scene like this. These “tight-collared” sports should hide their faces in shame. That women were so prominent is in fullest keeping with their emancipation schemes. Their corruption is surely the worst the world has ever seen. Surely in such scenes all is fulfilled that God has revealed about the last days, the days of peril and unrighteousness. “Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.” May God have mercy on some of them and open their eyes before it is too late.

Great Wealth and Luxuries the Forerunners of Judgment. We read recently an interesting volume on the "The influence of wealth in Imperial Rome."* It depicts from different sources the great accumulation of wealth, the world-wide commerce, the astounding extravagances and vices of the Roman Empire, as well as the miserable conditions of the poor and how all these things brought about in the end the fall of the great world empire. The Roman Empire had its capitalists, its bankers, a Wall Street and a vast financial system. The commercial pace was furious—almost as furious—if it can be possible—as in the twentieth century. This book declares that Alexandria, for instance, had a commercial pre-eminence not possessed by even London or New York to-day, not to mention Hamburg or the European capitals. The Roman commerce extended all over the known world as the finding of Roman coins in India, Ceylon, China and other distant parts witness. As a result immense fortunes were obtained and money began to control everything. Sensuality, so declares a Roman writer, effeminacy, prodigal display of wealth went hand in hand with soulless money grasping. A gilded vice stifled all morality. Money was sought frantically, because it was needed for what the fashionable world called enjoyment. After the fiercest rush for wealth, we find coming into the Roman world, so says the author of this volume, the fiercest rush for excitement, for something new to feed the sated senses, hence the scattering of fortunes on tasteless palaces, race horses, pretty slaves, elaborate suppers, perfumes and pearls and many things worse. In conclusion Prof. Davis says: "Its citizens served Mammon in the place of God,

*By Professor W. S. Davis, University of Minnesota.

with more than usual consistency. The power they worshipped carried them a certain way—then delivered them over to their own rottenness, and to the resistless enemy. Their fall was great, for their empire with their social structure still looms as the greatest fabric ever reared by human ingenuity; while the lesson of their fall lies patent to the Twentieth Century."

But will the Twentieth Century read the awful lesson which is ineffaceably written on the pages of history? Will that which is now occupying the territory of the Roman Empire and our own great continent profit by the conditions prevailing in that Empire, which led up to its fall? We think not; but history repeats itself. If one beholds the surging masses in our great cities, the mad race after the dollar, the even greater rush for pleasures and excitements to gratify the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, one trembles in view of what is bound to come. And the great mass of people do not see that judgment is hastening. They do not realize that a civilization which is built upon unrighteousness, which leads to extravagance, luxuries and its attending evils, must sooner or later be swept away and fall like others fell. How successfully the god of this age has blinded the eyes to the real conditions of things. Great commerce, great wealth, great progress, great inventions—but they cannot save.

But we do not **need** the lessons of past great empires, their wealth, their luxuries and fearful ruin and fall. The Word of God in which we implicitly believe foretells an end of judgment for the present age.

Ominous Gatherings. Recently on the anniversary of the death of Prof. Francesco Ferrer, who was shot in

Spain in connection with the anarchistic movement in that country, meetings commemorating his death were held in all the larger cities. In New York 5,000 persons gathered in Cooper Union and over 5,000 more outside. Three other meetings in different parts of the city were held to inflame the people against law and order, God and the church. We quote from an exchange.

Inside the Cooper Union speeches extolling the worth of Ferrer were made in English, German, Italian, Spanish, Bohemian and Yiddish. When the woman Emma Goldman took the platform she attacked God, denounced the churches, especially the Roman Catholic Church, and the public schools. She ejaculated: "I came here to-night to commemorate the death of a great man and to attend three funerals—that of the Church, for it dominates the human mind; that of Capitalism, for it dominates human needs; and that of Government, for it dominates human conduct." This is fine phrasing. Many are so intoxicated by phrases that they cannot discern true from false or what is from what is not. Leonard Abbott, chairman, said that within a year Ferrer's name would be as well known as Theodore Roosevelt's, and within **one hundred years as well known as Jesus Christ's!**

Ernest Haeckel, of Germany, who, whatever he says in his heart, says in public, "There is no God," sent a communication.

Ferrer Sunday Schools have been set up in this city and about one hundred boys and girls from the Ferrer Sunday Schools came on the stage, sang and decorated the portrait with flowers. It was explained that these Sunday Schools are the forerunners of a big public daily school. Alexander Berkman, the anarchist, who served a prison term for shooting Henry Frick, the iron multi-millionaire of Pittsburgh, and who was afterward the "companion" of Emma Goldman, is superintendent of the largest of these schools. It was claimed that the Ferrer Association has about \$40,000 in hand for the construction of this daily school."

The worst feature of the Cooper Union gathering was that a number of influential men federated with these anarchists. Many thousands of Jewish young men are

outspoken anarchists. The agitation for an out and out overthrow of all existing orders and laws grows at an appalling rate. Well do great statesmen fear and tremble for the future. The lawless One looms up more prominently. When at last the great upheaval comes it will produce such suffering and tribulation, that the world has never seen before. Even so God's Word tells us.

The Food Problems the Result of Greed. The enormous prices charged for the necessary articles of food such as eggs, butter, milk, meat, flour, etc., have of late called forth a vigorous and almost universal outcry from the suffering masses.. Hundreds of thousands pledged themselves to abstain from certain kinds of food till the prices are lowered. The cause of these conditions is sought in different directions. The greed of large and influential trusts is no doubt at the bottom of it all. God has been good in giving rich and plentiful harvests, but the greed and selfishness of man hoards it up and produces situations such as we have been witnessing.

We think of the message of Amos given at a time of similar conditions, when in days of luxuries, the extravagant living of the rich, the poor were trodden down. Then the Prophet declared that the sellers of the wheat made the ephah small (a small measure) and the shekel was made great (a big price charged), they also falsified the balances by deceit. The refuse of the wheat was sold (Amos viii:4-6). And God, who considereth the poor, announced judgment: "I will never forget any of their works." The Lord will surely deal with all these evils in His day. But before that day comes these conditions will become worse. The present day combinations and trusts are the forerunners of that which we read in Rev. xiii:16-17: "And he

(the anti-Christ) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or on their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

The White Slave Traffic. The exposures of this infernal twentieth century traffic, which recently have been made in New York City and elsewhere, are simply terrible. Our great cities are sinks of vice and immoralities which would make Sodom and Gomorrah blush. It seems evident that Jews, apostatized from the faith of their fathers, have a good deal to do with this awful curse, though wicked Gentiles are just as prominent in it. One Lewinson, who confessed to this crime of luring girls of fifteen and sixteen years into a life of shame, made the statement that the five-cent picture shows are the places where this work is most successfully done. The nasty details of the seductions we care not to reprint in our pages. On an average, as shown by the police reports, from eight to ten young girls disappear daily mysteriously in New York. And this evil is not confined to the Metropolis, it is as bad in all the larger "Christian cities." What a mockery, "Christian cities!"

"As it was in the days of Lot **so** shall it be when the Son of Man cometh."

Sources of Discontent Among the Masses. There is a growing and widespread discontent among the masses. The high cost of living, the oppression from the side of selfish employers resulting in the grinding of the poor, produce this unhappy condition. One leading cause is the extravagances and luxuries of the wealthy class. Recently some eight society ladies gave an expensive

luncheon to their eight pet dogs. A special caterer had been hired for the occasion and there were special decorations and other costly arrangements, all in honor of eight society dogs. One of these creatures, it is said, cost about \$25,000. Such an affair creates the most bitter feeling among the poorer classes and feeds the smouldering flames of rebellion and anarchy. Some day there will be an outburst of lawlessness which will deal a fearful blow to the rich. Then their misery will surely come upon them as predicted in the Word of God: "Come now, ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you" (James v:1).

The Great Anti-Romish Agitation. That Rome, the corruptress of nations, is passing through a severe crisis is known to all readers of present day events. France has completely revolted against that powerful institution which claims to be "**the**" church. And now Spain has joined the same revolt against the Vatican. What conditions exist in priest-ridden Spain is learned from the "Statesman's Year Book."

"The national Church of Spain is the Roman Catholic, and the whole population of the kingdom adhere to that faith, except about 30,000—Protestants (about 7,000), Jews (about 4,000), Rationalists, etc. Within the Peninsula, apart from Portugal, there are nine metropolitan sees and forty-seven suffragan sees, the chief being Toledo, whose archbishop bears likewise the title of Patriarch of the West Indies. The Constitution requires the nation to support the clergy and the buildings, etc., of the Church, and for this purpose the State expends annually about 41,000,000 pesetas (\$8,200,000) * * * The relation between the Church and the State, and the position of the religious orders, are regulated by the Concordat of 1851. A restricted liberty of worship is allowed to Protestants, but it has to be entirely in private. The communities of the religious orders are numerous and influential in Spain. Many of them have

schools, and about 5,200 of their members are engaged in teaching boys of the upper and middle classes, while, within many of their establishments, industries of all kinds are carried on. The number of religious orders in Spain is about 3,253, of which 597 are for men and 2,656 are for women. Of those for men, 294 are devoted to education, 92 to the training of missionaries, and 97 to the training of priests. The total number of monks is about 10,630 (including 840 foreigners). The orders for women comprise 910 for education, 1,029 for charity, and 717 for a contemplative life. The number of nuns is about 40,040 (including 1,360 foreign women)."

Besides these facts others could be stated which give the reasons why such an agitation is in existence. But while Rome is losing ground and is thus being spoiled in the lands which tolerated her abominations for centuries, she makes great headway in England and in America. The stronghold of Rome to-day are the countries which boast of being Protestant. Protestantism is so completely stripped of its power to protest that it slumbers in the lap of Delilah. "Back to Rome" seems to be the drift in the two great English speaking countries. More toleration! We are all brethren! Away with the narrowness of past ages!—are some of the Protestant shouts we hear about us. But Rome remains the same. She has still a great future, though brief, before her. This is revealed in the last book of the Bible. Once more Rome will become the great mistress of the world. Her coming and final doom is faintly outlined in what is happening to her in France and in Spain. The political revival of the old Roman Empire will give her again, in the coming closing years of this age, the supremacy. But the ten Kings will turn against her. It is written: "And the ten horns (ten Kings), which thou sawest upon the beast (the revived Roman Empire), these shall hate the whore

(Rome) and shall make her desolate and naked and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill His will, and to agree and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the Kings of the earth" (Rev. xvii:16-18).

"**A Youth of Nineteen, Nervously Unsettled by a Trying Occupation**, sought recreation at a moving-picture show in Newark, N. J., The "entertainment" included a realistic suicide by gas-inhalation, enacted with vivid and horrible detail. The boy went to his lodgings, stopped keyhole and door cracks as the pictured suicide had done, turned on the illuminating gas, and set his soul adrift into the great darkness. He was found dead on Sunday morning. If a manhole cover in the highway is off, the authorities put up a warning or a barrier, lest a brute fall in and suffer harm. But the moving-picture show had a license from the authorities to keep its more dangerous pitfall open on the public way, and to lure men into it. This is a sensational case, but it shows at the worst a baneful influence which is being allowed almost free course for the corruption of youth under the guise of harmless amusement."

Thus speaks the *N. Y. Christian Advocate* on this frightful evil and we endorse every word of it. But we add also that not the half has been told. Covering the country as we do we have heard and seen considerable more of the disastrous influence these moving-picture shows have upon the minds of the young. Thefts and even unnamable crimes have been committed because the suggestions came from these miserable shows. But what shall we say to the

professing church here and there endorsing this instrumentality of the devil? In several places "churches have rented the airdomes" (moving-picture exhibitions in the open air) to hold their services there and make the summer Lord's day evening meetings attractive by moving-pictures. Of course the pictures are of a "religious" nature; nevertheless the whole is an endorsement of these places. Last year while South, in a small southern Georgia town, we were told of a preacher who offered for an inducement to attend the prayer meeting a free moving-picture show at the close of the prayer meeting. When that service was concluded he took the people across the street to the show and treated them old and young. He belongs to the largest evangelical denomination on this continent. And what about Christian men and women being stockholders in these concerns? But such is the case. Corruption increases on all sides. An insane desire for pleasure and a good time seems to have seized all classes.

What an awful awaking there must soon come!

A Socialistic Preacher. The pastor of the First Congregational Church of Schenectady, N. Y., became the socialist mayor of that city. He went from bad to worse in his political career. His congregation at last asked him to resign. The *New York Sun* had a **sarcastic** editorial on this matter, which we print herewith:

"Nothing could be more natural than the indignation that overswept the preacher-mayor of Schenectady when the congregation for whose spiritual welfare he is responsible voted him out of his pulpit on the mean and petty ground that he had neglected his ministerial duties. The contemptible nature of their attack is evidenced by the specific charges against him. These include the subjoined allegations:

"That the sacraments of the Church are no longer observed.

"That we have no pastor who visits the sick, buries our dead, or who offers the consolation of our Christian faith to its bereaved or distressed members.

"That the minister now serving denies his belief in the orthodox Christian faith and ridicules those churches that hold these doctrines.

"To refute these accusations the preacher-mayor has only to point to his record. Has he not got himself arrested in Little Falls? Has he not run for Congress on the Socialist ticket? Has he not acquired without cost to himself several acres of press notices and an amount of sympathy far greater than could have been got in any pulpit or sickroom? Finally, is he not to be put on trial on February 17 for incitement to riot?

"It is difficult to keep patience with persons who so completely misunderstand the functions of a preacher-socialist-mayor as do the members of the First Congregationalist Church of Schenectady. They must be reactionaries. By way of punishment they should be compelled to sit under their present preacher all their lives."

If our Lord tarries just a few years longer we shall see hundreds of men who call themselves "clergymen" and who are following the socialistic, progressive, political platform of the federation of the churches. The essential thing, the preaching of the Gospel, they cast to the winds; the faith they give up. But at best they are the laughing stock of the world.

Increasing Immorality. That the great centers of Christendom are sinks of iniquity and vice is well known. Investigation has partly uncovered the existence of unspeakable abominations. Well meaning men like John D. Rockefeller, Jr., have offered large sums of money to combat the evil. How hopeless this task is, may be learned from the report of an expert investigator.

Samuel H. London, the vice investigator who has testified before the Curran committee, announced last night that he intended to make known some new and startling information in regard to the social evil in this city. He said that this evil is not confined alone.

to the middle or lower classes, but that it exists in the very highest.

"When I turn loose my information on the social evil and its gold lined, jewel studded ramifications in this city," he said, "the decent citizens of New York will turn an amazed 'right about face' in the sadly incomprehensive idea of this important and growing problem."

There is no vice trust here, according to Mr. London, for he says that girls auction themselves off for the privilege of working in a number of the cheaper class of disorderly houses here. For this they bid, he says, from \$6 to \$16, the money going to the procurer.

"If John D. Rockefeller, Jr., hopes to discourage prostitution materially by seeking to reform unfortunate women his task is hopeless, for the number of women whose careers can be turned to the right road is infinitesimal," is one of the statements he makes.

He declares that prostitution in Brooklyn is increasing at a remarkable rate and is encroaching even upon the best of the residential sections. The same conditions, he says, are met with in the Borough of Richmond.

Mr. London's figures, backed up by numerous reports of Federal agents who worked under his direction, show that women earn and turn over to their procurers in this city \$57,000,000 each year. In New York City he has found aged women who have acquired wealth by teaching young girls how most successfully to pursue this vocation.

The outlook for these reformers must be gloomy indeed. Corruption through lust is in the world. Immoralities will increase as men and women turn away from God's revelation. The constantly increasing immoralities are the result of the rejection of the Word of God.

The Moral Conditions of the German Capital. The Berlin Correspondent of an English paper has recently given a sad description of the moral degradation into which Berlin, the capital of the German Empire, has fallen. Germany used to be to a certain extent morally cleaner than the other European nations, but now their larger cities become more and more modern Babylons. We give a part of the article:

Serious German writers are raising their voices and pointing out that their great capital of four millions, once the centre of hard work and frugality and pristine German virtues, is now clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, and has become "the habitation of devils and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

It is not a pleasant task to point out the faults of the great city in which one has lived so long, in which one has found sterling friendship, and in which there are magnificent and powerful elements for good; but the startling developments of Berlin in evil things during recent years must not be left out of account by anyone who would follow the rise, progress and decay of nations. The rapid growth of Berlin in wealth and population has followed the marvellous development of the German empire during the past forty years. Wealth has poured into the capital, and with this wealth has come vice and corruption of a character surpassing in grossness anything to be met with in the older capitals of Europe. May I examine a few of the phenomena which force me to this conclusion?

I take up the newspapers of the past fortnight. Hardly a day of these fourteen has passed without its tale of murder. A landlord shoots a tenant in most brutal fashion because the tenant insists on leaving without paying his rent; the owner of a shady hotel, resorted to by vicious persons of both sexes, shoots an indignant father who protests against the methods employed in conducting the hotel. There are scores of these hotels in Berlin. They are known to the police, but whilst the Berlin police show extraordinary activity in hunting down Socialists who make themselves obnoxious, they close their eyes to these plague spots. Two women of about forty were murdered by their lovers; a husband who had been wronged shot the man who wronged him; a woman of fifty was slaughtered by her husband in bed, the murderer using a hatchet for his deed; a poor seamstress was murdered in a wood outside Berlin by a ruffian who was a professional marriage swindler; a bath attendant murdered the woman who owned the baths because they had quarrelled about a bet on a horse. This by no means exhausts the list, but it shows its character and variety. The criminality of Berlin not only mounts, as far as numbers are concerned, but shows a tendency to increasing brutality.

As ominous in another direction is the appalling number of suicides which fill the papers. Girls drown themselves because of unrequited affection; young people commit suicide because they have received bad marks at school, or have failed in their examinations; nearly every day we read of family tragedies, where fathers in money difficulties make a cowardly exit from life. And, leaving the chapter of murders and suicides, the recent cases are innumerable where men in positions of trust betray the confidence placed in them and decamp as defaulters.

Berlin at night is one of the most disgusting sights in Europe. When you speak to an ordinary Berliner you gather the impression that he is rather proud of what he calls the "Nachtleben" of his city. Of what does this "night-life" consist? It consists of innumerable resorts in various quarters of the city—cabarets, cafes, variety theatres, dancing rooms, etc., glittering in meretricious splendor, which are the resorts of the depraved and vicious of both sexes, and where vice in its grossest and most ghastly forms has free course. These haunts of vice are practically open all night, and are crammed to the door with the youth of both sexes who believe that in these hells they are seeing life.

I know a score of places, and more in the best parts of the city, where young men and women with decent bringing-up, with honest and clean homes, are being rapidly ruined, and, save in the feeblest way, hardly a protest is raised against this awful iniquity. If you venture to speak about it in ordinary society you are voted a bore and a Puritan, and are told that the twentieth century has other ideas than those which prevailed in the seventeenth. . . . There are, of course, purity associations here, and numerous faithful men and women who have not bowed the knee to Baal, but their voices are not heard in the raucous noises of Babylon. All over the city glittering cafes are being built, decked out with crystal and gilding, with comfortable chairs, with beautiful music, which are open all night long, and are resorted to by the clerks and shop-girls in their thousands. You can see them sitting there until two and three o'clock in the morning, sipping their beer or their coffee, and making one another's acquaintance. These places also are the resort of more doubtful characters of both sexes.

The Enormous Waste. In a recently issued work, "The

Price of Inefficiency," the writer shows that in this country ten billions of dollars are annually wasted. It is hard to grasp the meaning of this enormous sum of money. But it means that forty cents on every dollar goes for nothing. We quote a few of the principal items, which are well worth studying. Mr. Frank Koester in his book gives us the following figures:

We waste \$50,000,000 and sacrifice fifty lives a year in forest fires, and have been doing it for over a generation, while in some years the loss amounts to \$200,000,000 in money. In addition the young growth destroyed by fire is far more valuable than the merchantable timber burned.

We waste 350 lives and the cost of 2,700 accidents in transportation in New York City alone, with a proportionate loss in other cities throughout the country. These losses involve in addition great expenditures in litigation, the total of which is probably not less than \$25,000,000 annually.

We waste \$30,000,000 horse-power every year by failure to utilize our water power. At \$20 per horse-power per annum, which is below the average price, being less than one per cent. horse-power per hour, this waste amounts to \$600,000,000. This is far in excess of the value of all coal used annually, and if this power were utilized coal could be conserved for future uses, for heating and purposes where the power would not be serviceable.

We waste \$238,000,000 in losses through floods and freshets. The most of this could be prevented by proper engineering in the erection of levees and dams.

We waste \$500,000,000 a year in soil erosion. Through the neglect of farmers to properly work their land and to prevent the formation of gullies, the fertility of the soil is washed into the lowlands and seas.

We waste \$659,000,000 a year through losses to growing crops, fruit trees, grain in storage, etc., by noxious insects, whose multiplication is largely due to careless methods of agriculture.

We waste \$267,000,000 a year through the attacks of flies, ticks and other insects on animal life. A greater loss is caused by the

enormous sacrifice of human life due to mosquitoes, flies, fleas and other germ carrying insects.

We waste \$100,000,000 annually in losses to live stock and crops by wolves, rats, mice and other predatory mammals.

We waste \$93,000,000 a year in losses of live stock due to disease, of which \$40,000,000 is chargeable to Texas fever, while tuberculosis, scabies and cholera are next in importance, all of which are largely preventable if not eradicable.

We waste \$2,490,500 a year in the form of 1,465 lives (using the figure \$1,700 as the economic value of a human life, the Governmental estimate later referred to) in coal mine accidents which are almost wholly preventable.

We waste 10,585 lives and the cost of 169,538 injuries in railroad accidents.

But who can stop this enormous loss? It must go on for it is mostly all the result of sin. Man cannot control these conditions. However, we know a better day is coming for this world when this waste will be stopped.

Religious Census of Japan. We have heard much in recent years about Japan being almost a "Christian nation." The Japanese Bureau of Religion has lately published an official list of the religious bodies in the empire. These statistics must be very disheartening to those who always speak about the "Gospel-leaven" doing its work rapidly in the conversion of the world. The religious Census is as follows:

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| Christians..... | 140,000 |
| Buddhists..... | 29,420,000 |
| Believing Buddhists..... | 18,910,000 |
| Shintoists..... | 19,390,000 |
| Believing Shintoists..... | 710,000 |
| Temples with priests..... | 72,128 |
| Temples without priests..... | 37,417 |
| The 140,000 Christians include Catholics, Greeks, Protestant sects, Christian Scientists, etc. Believing | |

Buddhists and Shintoists mean such who practice these religions. The others simply call themselves Buddhists and Shintoists without believing these systems. They have abandoned these heathen rites and are nothing. This class numbers 29,190,000 souls. We heard it stated that Japan is rapidly becoming an infidel nation. The number of Christians is surprisingly small.

The Increase of Insanity. Attention has been called in several medical conventions to the frightful increase of insanity. The statistics show such an increase. Fifty years ago there was one lunatic in 575 of the population, now there is one in 236. If this rate should continue in a certain time there would be more insane than sane people in the world. Insane asylums in many parts of the country are filled to their utmost capacities. What is responsible for these sad conditions? Sin. Fast living, worry, anxiety, religious extravagances and numerous other things lead often to an unbalanced mind. How much the influence of demons has to do with insanity no one knows. May we remember that when the Lord Jesus came the first time He found large numbers possessed by demons. It will be so when He comes the second time.

The Outrageous Mrs. Pankhurst. As it is well known to all readers of the newspapers this woman belongs to a criminal class and is the leader of a number of women who delight in using the torch and the bomb. The *New York Christian Advocate* has an excellent editorial on her behavior in this country, which we pass on to our readers:

The moral obliquity of Mrs. Pankhurst and her absurd satellites makes it impossible any longer to ascribe their disorderly conduct to hysteria. Excessive nervous irritability might account for the

smashing of windows, the hurling of bombs and the violation of ordinary propriety in public assemblies, but it will not explain the distribution of filthy printed matter in England or America.

A broad charity has led many persons to invest the militant suffragettes with a serious character, and to ascribe to them purity of motives, while none the less condemning their outbreaks against the public peace. Though by these preposterous antics they have retarded the movement for granting suffrage to women in their own country and in the United States, it was felt that something in their favor must be set down to the natural indignation aroused in their hearts by the refusal of the British government to make concessions to their appeals. But granting that publicity is an indispensable element to such a movement, there can be no justification for seeking notoriety through the issuing of publications that are or ought to be contraband in any civilized country.

This nastiness of the Pankhurst propaganda has created a revulsion of feeling which cannot miss even the dull moral consciences of its supporters. Criminal proceedings having been instituted in New York for the suppression of the malodorous stuff which the Pankhurst coterie has been striving to shovel upon the American public, the persons responsible for its distribution instantly withdrew from their contemptible task and shipped what remained of the putrid material to the West, where we trust it will receive the same sharp and ready rebuke which befell it here.

What sort of ethics must a woman have who, when she has been proffered the hospitality of a country by the interference of its chief magistrate with a law which would have barred her entrance, proceeds at once to abuse her privilege by peddling mental poison to the people of the first city she visits?

Increase of Iniquities and Corruption. Statistics show that there is a frightful increase all over this continent, both in the States and in Canada, of all kinds of crimes and iniquities. Suicides have increased over those of previous years. Suicides of children are no longer a rarity, but have become common. The papers contain daily the reports of robberies, murders and assaults. Unnatural crimes,

crimes against women and small children, have become so frequent that they excite but little comment. Oppression and injustice are seen on all sides. Of late the so-called "white slave traffic" has been unearthed with all its abominable features. It seems clear that it flourishes through political corruptions. How much is being covered up, how many crimes never come to light and the corruption, which goes on in secret, only God knows. Surely the Lord's words, "**iniquity shall abound,**" words which He spoke concerning the end of this present age, are being amply verified. The worst is yet to come. How our post millennial friends, with their optimistic dreams can dream on and continue to speak of the glories of the present age, and the increasing righteousness of the age, when all about us goes the other way, seems strange indeed.

Ye have Lived in Pleasure on the Earth. "Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton" (James v:5). A better translation is "Ye have lived luxuriously." Luxurious living is one of the signs of the last days.

The importation of luxuries into the United States was larger in the fiscal year 1910 than in any earlier year in the history of our commerce. Figures prepared by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor covering the commerce of the full fiscal year show the importation of fully \$250,000,000 worth of articles which may properly be classed as luxuries, that total exceeding by more than \$25,000,000 the figures of the former high record year, 1907, and being actually more than double those of the year 1900.

Diamonds, jewelry, laces and embroidery, furs, feathers, beads and perfumery on the one hand, and cigars and

tobacco, wines and liquors and automobiles on the other are the principal articles forming the \$250,000,000 worth of luxuries imported, though to these great groups must be added a third which includes art works, decorated china and bisque, musical instruments, toys and orchids, palms, etc.

What a wailing there will be some day when all these pleasant things perish. "Go to now ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rest of them shall be a witness against you and shall eat your flesh as if it were fire. **Ye have heaped treasures together for the last days**" (James v:1-3).

The Appalling Increase of Suicides. The recent statistics of the United States concerning self-destruction tell a terrible tale. The Government report shows that during 1909 fourteen persons in every 100,000 killed themselves. A magazine gives on this the following information:

"The Government vital statistics for the registration area, which includes about one-half of the whole population, return 8,332 suicides for 1908, or 18.5 per 100,000 of population. The registration area, however, includes all of the large cities, in which the suicide rate is higher than in the rural districts, although the difference in the rate is not as pronounced as is generally assumed. Assuming that a rate of only 10 per 100,000 of population prevailed among the 41,845,000 of estimated population in the non-registration area (including a large negro population), the probable number of suicides in this area would be 4,185, which, in addition to the 8,332 in the registration area, gives a total of 12,517 suicides for the whole United States for 1909.

"Statistics show that poison is the favorite means for suicide, fire arms a second choice, and hanging a third, according to *The Spectator*.

"The method of suicide has an important bearing upon the subject in its larger aspects, for suicides are unquestionably, to a considerable extent, the result of suggestion. Granted convenient or easy facilities for self-murder, the deed is done before there has been time for reflection. It is nothing short of an indictment of our sense of community responsibility that facilities for suicide should be as common as they are. Regardless of efforts which have been made to suppress the sale of poisons and weapons, there is nothing easier than to secure the means of self-murder at a convenient drugstore, hardware store, pawnshop, etc., as the case may be.

"In fact, an examination of the pistols or revolvers with which a very large number of suicides have been committed in Philadelphia, and which are on exhibition in the Coroner's office, proves that most of the weapons are cheap affairs, probably bought in pawnshops for a few dollars, including the necessary small amount of ammunition.

"The general suicide rate in the registration area for this period was 14.0 per 100,000."

And who is responsible for this frightful condition? That the influence of wicked spirits stands behind these suicides is beyond question. Unbelief, rejection of the Truth of God, the mad rush after material things, fast living and other matters are responsible for this increase. And it will not become better. If one watches in the larger cities the surging masses of humanity, without God and without hope, one wonders that the number of suicides is not larger.

Socialism and Crime. The increase of Socialism in Germany has been phenomenal. With the revival of the industrial conditions in that land, Socialism also gained in power. The increase of crime in Germany keeping step with Socialism is significant. We quote from a Berlin report:

Socialists are fond of proclaiming that their creed furnishes a complete substitute for religion and for morals as taught by religion in its law-abiding effect upon the people. German socialists, moreover, have asserted that criminality is due largely to the illusion and hypocrisy of religion, and that it decreases as socialism advances.

That contention is disproved by a series of statistical figures just made public, which show that criminality in Germany has increased in rapid ratio with the spread of socialism. In Prussia, where the socialist vote increased from seven per cent. in 1884 to twenty-six per cent. in 1907, criminality increased from 1,023 per 100,000 population to 1,215.

In Berlin, where there has been a socialist increase of from thirty-four per cent. to sixty-six per cent. in the same period, criminality has increased from 1,216 to 1,522. In the Rhine Province the socialist increase from seven per cent. to twenty per cent. has been accompanied by a growth in crime from 673 to 1,270.

In Bremen, where the socialist vote rose from twenty-three per cent. of the total population to fifty-one per cent., criminality jumped in the same period from 1,295 to 2,101. In Posen, on the other hand, where the socialist vote is only one per cent., crime shows a decrease from 1,679 to 1,449. In Saxony, where socialism increased from thirty-five per cent. to fifty-eight per cent., criminality shows but a slight increase, 928 to 960.

In all Germany the socialist vote in the period named has increased twenty-nine per cent. and crime twenty per cent. The statistics quoted show that instances of bodily injury inflicted increased fifty per cent. throughout the empire, while robbery, larceny and swindling increased seventy-five per cent., with a particularly large growth in strong socialist centres as against a comparatively small increase in places where religion is still a strong factor.

While it is not asserted that the increase in criminality is **due** to the spread of socialism, it is declared by students of these figures that they do show that socialism has failed to prove, in Germany at all events, that it is equal to or an adequate substitute for religion as a moral and law enforcing factor in the welfare of a nation.

This is not at all surprising if one takes into considera-

tion that the German socialists are especially very bitter against the church and the truth of God. This increase in crime is a little sample of what is yet in store for this earth when the Lawless One will be in power.

Great Progress and Preparations. The wonderful way in which the ends of the earth are brought together through commerce and the great railroads which are in operation and others which are being planned is really astonishing and significant.

As the result of the Franco-German settlement of the Morocco-French Congo questions, a proposal is under consideration for the construction of a vast Trans-African railway, to do for the African Continent what the Union Pacific has done for the Western States of America. The Trans-African line would have two branches—one running from the Desert of Sahara to Nigeria, joining West Africa with Algeria; and the other connecting the Western Mediterranean section of the continent with the Indian Ocean by means of the Uganda Railway. The British have already built 1,860 miles of the Cape-to-Cairo line, the Belgians have laid 310 miles of track, and the French in Algeria 372 miles. It is 6,572 miles from Algiers to the Cape. This leaves about 4,000 miles to be built. A distinguished ex-member of the French Chamber regards this as a perfectly feasible scheme, considering the Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to Vladivostok, which is 5,332 miles long.

We may well look upon this activity as being in preparation of that great world-wide preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom before the end comes. However, the preaching of the final message, as every careful student of the Word knows, is not done by the church, but by a

converted Jewish Remnant. The sealing of this remnant and their work is described in Revelation vii. All this takes place after the true church has left the earth. The great railroads will no doubt be put to good use at the end of the age for the heralding of the coming King and the coming judgments.

Unhappy China. What a terrible struggle has set in throughout the prominent provinces of the Chinese Empire! It is estimated that nearly 50,000 beings have been killed so far and there is no end in sight. The "Dragon," the emblem of China, is showing his power and in the little time which is left to him he is trying to fill that dark country with suffering, bloodshed and violence. But his time is short. A better day will dawn for China and the other heathen nations enslaved by Satan. The deceiver of the nations, the god of this age and prince of the power in the air will be chained by Him, who has conquered him; then he can deceive the nations no more (Rev. xx:3). He knows his time is short, that soon the King of Kings will come to dethrone him.

We should pray at this time earnestly for the missionaries in China and for the thousands of native Christians, whose lives are in danger and whom the Dragon hates in a special manner.

Dark Figures. In spite of the heroic work done by the Prohibition movement and its supposed victory, the sale of intoxicants is increasing at a rapid rate. The recent Internal Revenue report for 1911 is a revelation.

The annual report of Royal E. Cabell, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, given out, makes several startling declarations. All records were broken in the past fiscal year in the production of alcoholic liquors.

The smoking of opium is a widespread vice in this country, and opium "joints" exist in every city of considerable size.

The double system of taxing oleomargarine is corrupting grocers and gross frauds are being perpetrated on the butter-buying public.

The internal revenue receipts last year were \$322,526,899, the greatest in the history of the government.

Corporations making returns under the new corporation tax law numbered 270,202, with an aggregate capital of \$67,886,430,519. The aggregate net income to the stockholders was \$3,306,250,642.

The year's production of distilled spirits amounted to 175,402,395 gallons, nearly 7,000,000 gallons more than in the previous banner year—1907. The production of beer, ale, etc., amounted to 63,216,851 barrels, nearly 4,000,000 more than in the previous record year—1910.

The amount of liquor held in bonded warehouses for ripening now reaches the enormous total of 249,279,346 gallons.

Things seem hopeless in this direction. The only hope is the Coming of the Lord. With that event the things which offend will be gathered out of this Kingdom. Violence and vice will terminate then. May the glorious day be hastened. Even so, Come Lord Jesus.

America's Darkest Crime. We have waited before commenting on the awful deed done several months ago in the town of Coatesville, Pennsylvania. A few weeks after this wicked crime a similar Satan-inspired mob, including five hundred women and children, in Oklahoma, burned also an unhappy negro to death. The terrible crime of Coatesville was one of the most fiendish ever perpetrated in the history of the United States. It is now time that the North should stop slandering the South. The crime was committed on Sunday evening. **Every protestant preacher of the town (seven) was away on a vacation.** When the mob rushed in the hospital to

take the half dead victim only the nurses were there to shield the wounded negro. An investigator, who went a day or two after the crime to Coatesville, writes, "Nothing in the Coatesville conditions depressed me more than the city's apparent callousness to the enormity of its offence. Their talk was mostly of the business men's annual picnic on the morrow." Three days after this foul deed two train loads of people went on the picnic. The same man gives the following information:

"The one leading citizen who is actively indignant over the city's shame told me candidly that the most he thought should be done would be to put some of the young men in jail for a few years; and he was frankly troubled over the fact that certain members of prominent families are involved. At the suggestion that the lynchers might be indicted for murder, he promptly protested, and said he would use all his influence to prevent it."

We quote from two periodicals which have been outspoken in their condemnation. We endorse every word. The first is from the N. Y. *Christian Advocate* (Methodist).

"The sickening atrocity of the Coatesville lynching was enacted by white men in a Northern State, at the very moment when conventions of Southern Negroes were giving evidence of their rise from the conditions of bondage. At the hour of Sabbath evening worship a cowardly mob dragged a helpless colored man from the hospital and burned him with accompaniments of unspeakable horror. That the victim had slain a man does not excuse his murderers. Escape for him was impossible, and Pennsylvania justice would have been visited upon him, without delay. In taking the law into their own hands these American citizens—for they were not aliens—disgraced their State, and by the fiendish manner in which they wreaked their vengeance they put a blot upon common humanity. Negro-burning is an American white man's crime, and there is no worse under the sun.

"Shame upon Pennsylvania if her justice is too blind to discover the leaders of this foul mob, or her arm shortened so that she cannot punish those who have made a mockery of her laws."

The *Continent* (Chicago) entered more fully in this matter, showing the religiousness of the town and its inhabitants.

"Coatesville is a more than ordinarily religious town. That fact is written not in cynicism but in sincerity. 'There is a strong and real spiritual life here,' one friend assured me. Thanks largely to the work of William H. Ridgway, the community is especially active along Sunday-School lines. One man's Bible-class has 200 members, another 100, two others fifty each. These men have been studying Jeremiah this month—and practicing Zedekiah. In evangelistic work the town is notable. It is the home of the Huston brothers, both of whom were absent on black Sunday. There are seven Protestant churches and one Roman Catholic in the borough. In the hour of trial, they all failed. With deep sorrow it must be written of Coatesville, as doubtless of hundreds of other small cities in like conditions, that there was not enough vital Christian force in the community to withhold a majority of the American citizens from assenting to a most horrible violation of the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill.' There is blood upon the doorsteps of Coatesville's churches and schools and homes.

"Grim and ghastly, here is a symptomatic condition for the preachers of the gospel, for the Men and Religion Movement, for the organized adult Bible-classes, for the Young Men's Christian Association (the Coatesville association has 400 members and a \$60,000 building), for Christian Endeavor, for the Presbyterian evangelistic committee, and for the American home to ponder. The situation calls for a season of fasting, rather than for a picnic, or for the despicable maneuvering of 'practical' politicians.

"Law failed in Coatesville. Our boasted American self-government collapsed completely when put to a test. The Chinese, Japanese, Hindu, Turkish, European, and British editors who comment upon this terrible tragedy as proof of the breakdown of the American system cannot easily be gainsaid."

Well said. It shows too plainly what is under the thin veneer of religious profession. It shows a great deal more. In spite of a boasted "Christian civilization" there is the spirit of lawlessness. Some day it will break out in an-

other form and the results will be of an indescribable nature. "And there went out another horse that was red and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth and that they should kill one another and there was given unto him a great sword" (Rev. vi:6).

The Jews.

The Marvellous Revival of Palestine. Twenty years ago 30,000 Jews lived in Palestine; to-day almost 175,000 live in the land. Turkey's attitude towards the Jews has completely changed. Large and successful colonies are in existence. "The Continent," published in Chicago, had recently an interesting article on these developments from which we quote:

"Twenty-five years ago one heard little of the Hebrew tongue in Jerusalem's streets or elsewhere in the land, because the Jew found it much safer to conceal his identity under the language of the country from which he chanced to come. But to-day Hebrew is used everywhere—in the market, the banks, and most especially in thousands of schools. It is one of the cardinal aims of the Zionists again to make this the language of the ancient homeland, and it will not be long before other nationalities and religions will have to learn Hebrew or simply be shut out of the commercial centers of the city and country. Only recently a German society for helping the Jews attempted to keep the German language in its schools. One of the results was a riot, and the matter was settled in favor of those who clamored for the Hebrew.

"Those who have visited Jerusalem in former years will remember the thousands of pitifully poor Jews of all nationalities who lived on alms in the city. It is said on good authority that not less than 5,000,000 francs (\$1,000,000) is now coming into the land annually for their relief. But each year brings a better class of immigrants, and that means less and less need for alms. The fifty or sixty colonies lately established wear a much more hopeful appearance.

"Those about Jaffa and in the Plains of Sharon show every appearance of wealth and prosperity. The orange trade of Jaffa has increased greatly and will soon be largely in the hands of Jews. Out of 1,500,000 boxes handled this year at that port, at least one-third, or 500,000 boxes, are from the colonies or in the control of the Jews. While other nationalities, and especially Christians of all lands, are busy trying to circumvent one another in appropriating legendary and sacred sites, the Jews are in a common-sense way buying up agricultural land. It is not possible to make any accurate estimate of what has been done in this line, but it is a well-known fact that no tract, small or large, within a hundred miles of Jerusalem, east or west of the Jordan, can be offered for sale without attracting Jewish buyers. Colonies, societies, and banks exist for this very business, and thousands of all nationalities and religions are in the trade for gain. Every day brings some fresh surprises of phenomenal purchases. This is one of the most striking features of the present commercial life of Palestine. The colonies are encouraging this agricultural conquest of the land, and meanwhile industrial schools under the patronage of wealthy societies and individuals are attempting a revival of Jewish arts and handicrafts with some credible results."

The well known Rothschild visited recently Palestine and studied the situation. He is backing the colonies. He is a French banker, and Turkey has looked mostly to France for a great loan.

"While Turkey is still pressing for a great loan from France, and France is demanding guaranties that the money will be spent for the betterment of what remains of the Ottoman Empire, the visit of Mr. Rothschild at this time can not fail to benefit Syria in a special way. The great loans call for concessions for harbors at Tripoli, Haifa, and Jaffa, and contemplates in the city of Jerusalem itself a French concession for a water-supply, electric light, and an electric tramway to Bethlehem. We may be sure that none of these things will be forgotten by the great Jewish banking-house which will no doubt furnish a large part of that loan."

Still more interesting are the following statements on the establishment of the Jewish State.

"Austria and Germany are most powerful in the trade of Jerusalem and its vicinity; France in high politics and finance. Of the influences from within the Arab element is almost nil, the Christian element too busy with trifles, the Jewish seriously and powerfully predominant. Certain churches and enterprises represent one or another of the European nations, but rarely more than one. But the Jewish element for one reason or another, draws power from all nations. Leaders of the Zionist movement differ sharply on many points; misunderstandings separate powerful interests; motives are attacked and as vigorously defended. But underneath all the outward clash of theories, the heart and soul of the Jewish race does unitedly hope and expect to establish a great Jewish state which, sitting at the juncture of three continents, in the seat of their ancient glory, shall levy tribute from the great nations of the earth.

"Some speak of it as to be a state without a religion, in the sense that the United States has no official faith or state religion. The devoutly orthodox Jews, however, can not tolerate this idea, and hope for Israel's ancient glory. Perhaps the greater mass of Jews throughout the world, though, are without ambition to be citizens of such a restored Israel. While willing to pray for this great enterprise and to give of their abundance toward it, they adopt the attitude of one member of the London house of Rothschilds who, after listening to a glowing picture of the future greatness and glory of the Jewish people in the Palestinian state, is said to have answered: 'Yes, I hope it may all come to pass. I pray for Jerusalem. I may even work for its reality. But when it does come to pass, I ask no greater favor and privilege than to represent the Jewish state at the Court of St. James.' "

Thus we learn, as we have pointed out so often for twenty years in our columns, that the Jewish Hope is not dead, but being revived. It is the sign of all signs of the approaching end of the ages. The Word of God has predicted this revival and its attending events. However, the fair picture of a partially restored nation will be marred by that time of trouble, Jacob's trouble, the great tribulation, when once more Israel is plunged in deep

distress. Then He comes who alone can save them, the true Hope of Israel, the King of Glory. He will gather them all back and make His land the Glory-land. How this ought to interest every Christian!

The Onward March of Zionism. The eleventh International Zionist Congress, held this fall in Vienna, brought together once more large numbers of Jews from every part of the world.

The Zionists are interested in establishing in Palestine an influential Jewish settlement. Operations in the Holy Land are carried on through the Anglo-Palestine Banking Corporation and the Jewish National Fund, with headquarters in Cologne. The National Fund has sixty-five per cent. of its capital of \$750,000 invested. The Palestine Anglo-Palestine Company acts as a strictly commercial bank, but is prepared to underwrite enterprises of national value.

The organization has created an agency known as the Palestine Land and Development Company, which prepares land for settlement by Jews, and in addition Zionists as individuals have bought considerable land and maintain a number of schools, and, especially in the United States, several colonizing groups have been formed which intend to settle in Palestine as agriculturists.

As it is well known this great national movement was founded by Dr. Herzl, who hopes to accomplish his purpose by entering into political negotiations with Turkey, which would enable him to bring a big settlement of Jews in Palestine. Herzl died before he could attain his object. Since his death in 1904 conditions in the Ottoman Empire have altered. A Parliament has taken the place of an absolute monarchy, and the Ottoman Government has

been distracted and harassed by eternal foes. The opportunity seemed ripe for the immediate penetration of Palestine by the Jews.

This opportunity a party in Zionism, led by Ussischkin, a Moscow engineer, was determined to exploit. The Ussischkin party failed, however, to displace another scheme until two years ago, when a committee of five Ussischkinites was placed at the head of the Zionist organization. The eleventh congress has been trying to perfect Ussischkin's control.

It is unfortunate that much discussion has arisen among the Zionists. But in spite of it the movement records big progress. Its finances are in the best possible condition. It has a working membership of almost 150,000 with a million or more sympathizers. It owns two and one-half per cent. of the land in Palestine. **The Jewish population of Palestine has doubled in the course of two years.** The schools are making rapid headway. A great Jewish University is being planned with headquarters at Jerusalem. Another most interesting fact is that the Turkish government has put the crown lands of Syria and Palestine in the market. They are offered for sale and we understand that negotiations have already been opened by prominent Jews to purchase these lands. Surely all this is to be expected at the close of this present age. Israel is homeward bound and all is rapidly shaping in such a way which brings the fulfilment of predicted events concerning the tribulation and the Coming of the Lord in sight. May God's people turn more than ever to the study of Prophecy and have their lamps trimmed, for He is coming.

What is Zionism? The Interesting Answer of an Ortho-

dox Rabbi. Orthodox Jews, who hold strictly to the faith of their fathers and believe in the Messianic hope, while being partly favorable to Zionism, look farther than the modern Zionists. Rabbi Pereira Mendes, the head of Jewish Orthodoxy of America, a learned gentleman, wrote recently an excellent letter to the *N. Y. Times*, which will be read with much interest by everybody.

"The official declaration of modern Zionism is that it is a movement to obtain 'a legally assured home in Palestine,' and it devotes itself to the material development of that country. It countenances, promotes, and organizes colonization, orange groves, olive plantations, trade schools, banking enterprises, such as the Colonial Trust, the National Fund, Anglo-Palestine Bank, etc., for the promotion of such purposes, and has achieved much practical good in the direction of materialities. Its latest proposition is to found a university in Palestine.

"Naturally, there have been diversities of opinion as to details, but the names of such leaders as Drs. Herzl, Nordau, Marmorek, Gaster, and Wolfsohn; Profs. Warburg and Gotthiel, Messrs. Usiskin, Cowen, Greenberg, and a score more will long be remembered with respect.

"But this is the modern Zionism, as popularly understood, and it includes 'political Zionism,' or Zionism with political aspirations; 'practical Zionism,' or Zionism devoted to such practical purposes as above mentioned; 'humanitarian Zionism,' or Zionism that will provide a refuge for the oppressed in Russia, Rumania, etc.; and 'educational Zionism,' or Zionism which seeks to educate Jewish public opinion in Jewish directions.

"It is not the ancient Zionism of the prophets of the Bible, which includes these to a certain extent, but which emphasizes the spiritualities. This Zionism demands not 'a legally assured home in Palestine,' but 'a legally assured home in Palestine for the spiritual as well as the material benefit of all mankind, not of the Jews alone.' This is the Zionism of the Bible, of our liturgy, and of our poets. 'Also the sons of the stranger that joins themselves unto the Lord . . . even these will I bring to My holy mountain, . . . for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'

(Isaiah lvi). 'Therefore we hope in Thee . . . to establish the world under Thy almighty kingdom, so that all Thy mortal children shall appeal to Thee . . . and receive upon them the yoke of Thy government, for Thine is the kingdom,' etc. (Ritual). 'All the nations which Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee' (Psalm lxxxvi).

"This spiritual Zionism is to-day enunciated by such leaders as Achad Ha'am. It includes such Bible ideals for the weal of all mankind as a Court for International Arbitration, a Temple for Universal Worship, provision for an education that shall fill the earth, not Palestine only, with the knowledge of the Lord, or Love, Justice, and Righteousness (Jeremiah ix:23) 'as the waters cover the sea' (Isaiah ii:3-4; lvi:7; xi:9).

"This is Zionism, that it is as old as Isaiah, in whose day Rome was founded. It is older, for it is as old as Abraham, the founder of the Hebrew nation, who was told that 'through thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed' (Genesis xxii:18).

"Modern Zionism builds the church building. Bible Zionism the cathedral for all; and more than that, it creates a world congregation and inspires ministers for the weal of the world."

The Rabbi sees something about the Kingdom to come. Alas! that he does not see **Him**, who alone can bring Israel back to the homeland and in Whom all the nations of the earth will be blest.

Jews Fleeing from Russia. The inhuman laws of Russia continue, according to the report, to make the empire of the Czar the darkest spot on the Jewish horizon. During 1909, 65,000 Russian Jews fled their country for America. This exodus of the oppressed was swelled by another 35,000 Jews from other countries.

A recent report gives graphic figures illustrating how the Russian laws are breeding Jewish paupers, although the Jewish population of roundly 6,000,000 constitutes only a little over four per cent. of the entire Russian population. Ninety-three per cent. of all the Jews in Russia are per-

mitted to dwell only in twenty-five of the sixty Government districts, comprising altogether only one-sixth of the total area of the empire. The consequence of this over-crowding in the western and southern provinces, especially in Russian Poland, is that in such regions as Odessa and Warsaw the Jews constitute, respectively, eleven and fourteen per cent. of the population, and wholesale poverty is an inevitable result.

At Easter time in 1909, 60,000 Jews were reduced to dependence on public charity, while 15,000 families, numbering 75,000 persons, were in the same condition in Warsaw.

In Galicia and Roumania the conditions are somewhat better than in Russia, but there, too, the Jews suffer under serious disabilities and outside assistance is constantly needed.

An association is carrying on important work throughout the Turkish Empire, especially in Palestine. At Haifa, near Jerusalem, the cornerstone will shortly be laid of a fine technical college endowed principally through the munificence of Jacob H. Schiff of New York. Numerous other educational projects are supported in the Orient with a special view to making the Turkish Jews valuable citizens of their own country and removing the causes for emigration. Special attention is devoted to the teaching of the Turkish national language in order that the generation of young Jews may grow up equipped to play their part in the rejuvenation of new Turkey.

The condition of the Jews in the Russian Empire, the land of the North in Prophecy, will not alone remain the same as it has been, but the persecutions and periodical massacres will increase and become more and more severe.

Eventually there will be a large exodus of Jews from Russia and the direction they take will not be the Western land, which so many reformed Jews call their Palestine, but they will go East to their real home land. Such an exodus is predicted in Zechariah ii:6. "Ho, ho, come forth and flee from the land of the North, saith Jehovah." Zionism in its finest type and deepest longing is found in Russia.

The Progress of Zionism. During the past few weeks the movements among the Jewish people towards the accomplishment of the Zionist scheme have been almost startling. The successful Young Turk movement has had the liberal support of the Jews and in return this interesting and more than significant *coup d'etat* favors strongly the establishment of the Jewish state according to Herzl's plan. We reported recently that Jews were invited officially to return in large numbers to Palestine. This invitation has been repeated a few days ago. The President of the Chamber of Deputies in Constantinople visited the head of the Jews living in Turkey and in behalf of the Turkish Government extended an invitation to the Jews of Russia and Roumania to emigrate to Turkey. The government has promised to abolish all restrictions against Jewish immigration to Palestine and other parts of the Empire and furthermore to confer full citizenship on Jewish immigrants immediately on their arrival in Turkey. It is rumored that very important negotiations are under way which may bring about far-reaching results.

The prominence of the Jews in Turkey is seen from the fact that the first address in Parliament was delivered by a Jewish deputy. Another Jew was in the commission that announced to Abdul Hamid the decision of the committee

to have him deposed. The palace in which the wicked Sultan is held prisoner belongs to an Italian-Jewish family, the wealthy Alatini brothers.

The attempt of the Jewish territorial organization, Israel Zangwill, President, to secure Mesopotamia as a monster Jewish colony and spent one hundred million dollars for irrigation, will undoubtedly miscarry as similar attempts in East Africa and North Africa failed. Palestine, nothing less than Palestine, is the watchword of the great Jewish national revival.

And how significant it is! Well may God's waiting people watch this sign of all the signs of the times. Such a restoration of a part of the Jewish race to Palestine, before the last stage of their sad history will be reached is demanded by predicted events. This restoration has set in. It indicates that the times of the Gentiles are drawing to a close.

We shall watch with much interest the coming convention of the American Federation of Zionism to be held in New York. Over 1,000 delegates are expected. Under "Notes on Prophecy and the Jews" the reader will find additional information.

Zionism to the Front. In connection with this significant situation in the Balkan peninsula and the apparent solution of the Eastern question, Zionism, the great Jewish national revival, is coming to the front once more. It is being forced upon the statesmen of Europe. We quote from a recent article in one of the papers:

Among German statesmen the opinion is steadily growing stronger that the trend of political events in the near East is tending to further the interests of Zionism, and that the return of the Jews to Palestine may not be very far off.

A glance at the map will show that Palestine is the corner stone of three continents. The Mediterranean nations are stirring as they have never done in modern history. The near East, the Middle East present European statesmen with great problems. There is the Bagdad railroad, there is the railroad from Cape to Cairo, that is, to the very door of Palestine. For that part of the world which has Palestine, to speak broadly, as its center there must be a great awakening in a very near future.

All the Powers of Europe will either be directly or indirectly interested in that happening, and one of them cannot permit any other to occupy the pre-eminent position or wield predominant power in Palestine, the key to vast lands now stirring in their slumber, the corner stone to countries with amazing undeveloped possibilities.

What the interests of Germany as well as of all the other European Powers require is a buffer state, and the enterprises which will be engaged in and around Palestine appear to suggest that in that state will be required the brains, the business acumen and the wealth of the Jews, that there will be a favorable outlet for all three, and that advantageous use can be made for all concerned.

All this is deeply interesting. What a privilege it is to see and watch these startling developments at the close of 1912!

The Unsolved Problem. The condition of the Jews in Russia becomes more desperate. About 6,000,000 Hebrews live there and they are being harassed and driven about as never before. The first decade of the much lauded twentieth century began with the awful massacres in which thousands of Jews, men, women and children lost their lives. They were times of sorrow and tribulation which remind of the French Revolution a hundred years previous. At the end of the first decade Russia is still at it, though in a different way. A New York rabbi made recently the following remarks:

"The status of the Jew in Russia to-day calls not for vain complaint or murmuring, but for the presentation of the grim facts

as they are. These facts constitute the indictment of Russia, and mark, alas! the unutterable humiliation of Israel.

"The former policy of massacre instigated by the state and executed by its servants has been succeeded by the less dramatic but not less tragic method of 'peaceful extermination.' Instead of the blood-letting massacres which, unhappily for the Russian government, stir the conscience of the world, a system of merciless Jewish repression and degradation has been carried on throughout the past year not less terrible in its ultimate effect. A Jewish society in England lately admitted that its budget included an item for possible massacres. What a withering comment upon Jewish power and Jewish prestige, as upon the genuineness of our present day civilization.

"The Jewish question in Russia has ceased to be a Jewish question and a Russian question. It is become a world question—a problem of humanity. What is needed is the protest of the aroused conscience of the world against the monstrous crimes which Russia is committing upon its own defenseless population. It is not the least indictment of the war craze that in order partially to neutralize the military prowess of Germany, England should strike hands with a band of murderers in the high places in Russia. For a decade or more it was French finances that enabled Russia to continue its foul career. To-day it is Great Britain that by the Reval pact did much to bolster the falling fortunes of the Russian government, and by so much to betray its own history and the hope of humanity."

How true all this is. The Jewish question has indeed become a world question and is the problem of humanity. But the aroused conscience of the world can never settle this question. There is no remedy for the humiliation of Israel, no solution of that question from the side of man. God in His Word predicted thousands of years ago that such would be the condition of His people as a result of their unbelief and the rejection of Him, who is their King. It has all come true. But God's Word also predicts the end of all their wanderings and tribulation. It gives the

solution of the Jewish question. God Himself in the Person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the root and offspring of David will in His own appointed time deliver His earthly people and have mercy upon Zion. None other than the once rejected King in the day of His second visible manifestation will solve "this problem of humanity." But it will also mean the punishment of the enemies of His people. Russia's present attitude towards the Jews and future judgment is written in the Bible. The developments of the Jewish question ought to be followed with deepest interest by all Christians, who love His appearing.

Jewish Sympathy for Turkey. Jewish sympathy in the Italian-Turkish war is altogether on the side of Turkey. Especially marked is this interest among the millions of Jews living in Russia. A number of young Jews departed recently from Kieff to enlist in the Turkish army at Constantinople.

The formation of similar groups is also reported from Lodz and Warsaw. Jewish sympathy with Turkey is not confined to Zionist circles. Although every allowance is made for the exemplary treatment of Hebrews in Italy, the Jews in Russia feel that the blindness of European diplomacy to a sense of wrong is also responsible for the indifference of the latter towards their own sufferings.

The Russian press, true to its tradition, regards the war as a product of Jewish intrigue. The *Svet* asserts that the Young Turk Committee, "with its Jewish majority, has brought about the war." M. Menushikoff (in the *Novoe Vremya*) states that Abdul Hamid's refusal to grant Palestine to Dr. Herzl cost him his throne, and

now the Young Turks, in this turn, pay for their failure to satisfy the Zionists.

Zionistic Activities and Progress in Palestine. Recently the tenth annual convention of the American Federation of Zionism was held in New York City. Hundreds of delegates were present and the enthusiasm was marked. A feature of this congress was a Zionistic Junior League Meeting. Whoever saw the bright and sparkling eyes of young Jewry all aglow for Zionism will realize the genuineness of this striking national revival. Mr. Strauss expressed in the opening meeting the hope that the young Turks, who have battled for their own freedom, will not be slow in helping the Jews in their great and glorious aims.

Dr. Harry Friedenwald, the President of the Federation of American Zionism, gave an enthusiastic address. He said in part:

The great event of the past year which has completely changed conditions, the importance, and far reaching results of which it is difficult even now to estimate, is the Turkish revolution. The subversion of the most despotic of absolute monarchies into a modern, liberal, constitutional government, the failure of the counter revolution and the firmer entrenchment of the forces that stand for progress and for freedom are of the deepest political interest to the world.

Even during the former régime the Jews of Turkey enjoyed the same measure of liberty as the non-Jews and were spared the discriminating injustice of neighboring countries. Now the Jews—who have taken their proper stand in the movement for progress—are given every encouragement and we again see Turkey as of old inviting the Jews oppressed in other lands to immigrate and help in the upbuilding of the empire. We have a profound satisfaction in the consciousness that some of the Jewish leaders of the Revolution are also ardent Zionists and that the Zionist awakening in Turkey is widespread and augurs well.

We shall bring later additional information about this interesting gathering. Great things are expected from the next world congress of Zionism to be held in December.

At the same time great progress in the affairs of Palestine is reported. Commerce is enlarging and the immigration constantly increasing. The following is from the Daily Consular and Trade Reports:

Consul-General G. Bie Ravndal, of Beirut, says that the linking of Egypt and Syria by a railway is certain to be seriously considered, as its advantages are obvious. He writes concerning the project: "Mr. Almagia, a prominent Italian contractor in Alexandria, informs the Egyptian Gazette that he asked the Ottoman and Egyptian governments to allow him to make plans for a railway line by way of El Arish to Jaffa. The idea is that the line, after crossing the Suez Canal, should run along the coast to the frontier at El Arish and then on to its terminus at Jaffa, where it would connect with the Jerusalem railway."

All this is an indication that the times of the Gentiles are drawing to a close. Soon the Lord's Word will be accomplished. "Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Luke xxi:24).

Jews Suffering in European Turkey. There are many thousands of Hebrews living in the war-zone of European Turkey. They have come in for the severest sufferings. An appeal for help has been sent to this country. The appeal is signed by H. Nahoum, Grand Rabbi of Turkey; J. Fernandez, President of the Turkish Israelitish Alliance and Dr. D. F. Markus, Chief Rabbi of the Ashkenazim Jews. We quote part of the document.

The Balkan war has laid everything waste which was in Jewish possession in all the cities and villages of European Turkey, with the exception of Constantinople, Salonika and Adrianople. Fields and houses, hostellries and stores, and even personal belongings, have

been swept away like an earthquake by sword and fire. Numberless peaceful and innocent lives have already fallen victims to this orgy of blood.

Terrified to death, half naked, deprived of the sheerest necessities, driven out into the terrible isolation of the winter nights, our unfortunate brethren have attempted to save their lives in wild flight. Frozen, half-starved, wounded and desperate, they have crowded like wild beasts into overfilled railway cars, or these failing them, have tottered on foot until they have at last reached the capital. Helpless mothers, pale children, gray beards, helped along by beggars' staffs, men in the prime of life, ruined and despairing, have crowded like a flood of terror and necessity into the Jewish quarter of our city, already over-crowded in ordinary times.

This is but another chapter in the story of Israel's suffering and tribulation. This night of woe has lasted long. It will surely end, when the Son of David appears in His Glory and the Rejected One, like Joseph, will deliver His brethren according to the flesh out of all their sufferings. But before that happens, the darkest hour in their history must come. That will be the time of Jacob's trouble (Jerem. xxx:4). Everything is getting ready for it.

A National Jewish University in Palestine. The American Federation of Zionists in their recent annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, strongly recommended the establishment of a Jewish University in Jerusalem. Resolutions to that effect were adopted by the federation.

It was after a paper on the proposed National Jewish University was read by Professor Horace Kallen, of the University of Wisconsin, and a discussion that the resolution to establish such an institution in Jerusalem was adopted. The plan also embraces further colonization and the establishment of schools for Jews in Palestine.

It was resolved to send word to the International Congress of Zionists at Vienna to push the project of a National Jewish University.

This surely shows great progress in the program of Zionism, the great modern national movement among the Hebrews. The fate of Palestine is still in the balances. While it yet rests in the hands of the Turkish government, the rightful owners of the land, the Jews, are constantly increasing. Jewish capital is financing the different enterprises. The language of the country, the ancient Hebrew, is being wonderfully revived. Remnants of Hebrews, some of them belonging to the so-called "lost tribes," are gathering back to the land. All this has significance. A great change for that land of hallowed memories and glorious destiny is impending. From the prophetic Word we know what it all means. Palestine will yet belong to the Jews and Jerusalem will become the great center for the land once more. The predicted partial restoration of the Jews to Palestine and Palestine to the Jews, is in progress.

New Discoveries.

New Records Found. Recently the British Museum received a new cylinder of baked clay containing the achievements of Sennacherib in cuneiform inscriptions. It has been translated and has been found to contain the record what Sennacherib did for the city of Nineveh. The Old Testament tells us what a great and beautiful city Nineveh was. The newly discovered record says, among other things, this:

He tells first of the rebuilding of his palace. "Bull colossi of white stone * * * they quarried as supports for the doors thereof. In order to construct rafts great trees in the woods throughout the whole of their land they cut down. In the month of Ivyar, at the time of the spring floods, on mighty rafts they brought them across with difficulty to the other side. In the crossing of the quay wall the great vessels sank deeper and their crews groaned and were distressed in spirit, but by might and tribulation they brought them with difficulty and set them up in their gates.

It is a wonderful picture of the building of one of the great cities of old when human labor was so cheap that Nebuchadnezzar, for instance, was able to build a magnificent temple in fifteen days.

Sennacherib's tale continues in this fashion: "I altered the structure of the palace and enlarged its site. Palaces of gold, silver, bronze, malachite, breccia, alabaster, ivory, cedar, cypress, pine for my lordly habitation I constructed. Beams of cedar and cypress, whose scent is pleasant, the products of Amanus and Serara, the snowcapped mountains, I arranged in place above them. Doors of cedar, cypress, pine and sindu wood with a plating of silver and

copper, I found. Female colossi of alabaster and ivory, wearing horned headdresses, having bent talons, clothed with strength and vigor, full of splendor, I set up in their doorways and made them a wonder to behold. With brickwork, Ka stone and lapis lazuli I decorated the ramparts, the cornices and all the copings." It is a vision of barbaric splendor that approaches the description of Solomon's temple. "The palace that has no rival," Sennacherib called his habitation.

The King's proudest record is of the casting of bronze lions, colossi which had been moulded in clay "as in casting half shekel pieces." It was evidently an unprecedented achievement.

In the eyes of many people this will be another confirmation of the Old Testament and its trustworthiness. But why not turn it around and say instead of "These records prove certain parts of the Bible true," say which is more according to truth, "These records are trustworthy because the Bible says so"? Without the Bible these records would have no meaning at all.

But Sennacherib's beautiful residence is a heap of ruins. God's Word predicted this and it has come to pass of Nineveh. Nahum said in Jehovah's name, "Woe to the bloody city, it is full of lies and robbery, the prey departeth not. . . . And it shall come to pass that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste; who will bemoan her? Whence shall I seek comforters for thee?" (Nah. iii:1, 7). And this present age likewise, with its great cities and magnificent palaces, awaits a predicted judgment, when the works of man will crumble into dust and Jehovah will be exalted.

An Interesting Recovery. Most interesting and important excavations are being made in ancient Ethiopia, showing a high state of civilization and an empire of great wealth, which existed there several thousand years ago.

Meroe is the name of the ancient capital. Queen Candace reigned there (Acts viii:27); but even then Meroe was hundreds of years old. We quote from the report of the excavations:

The story of Queen Candace's ancient capital should make interesting reading when the excavations now in progress under Professor Garstang are completed. The royal city of Meroe lies between Aaraba and Khartum, on the Nile.

The story of these discoveries is indeed one of the most romantic pages of modern research; no one, unless it were Professor Sayse, had imagined or could have inferred how extensive the ruins of the city were, nor how remarkable in character. When the excavators first arrived, three or four seasons ago, the only visible trace of ancient handiwork was a simple line of wall and three or four carved stone rams in the same vicinity.

Now, however, all is changed; the stone rams are found to line the avenue of approach toward the great Temple of Ammon, which in more ancient history was one of the chief features of the city. The stone wall which rose in isolated ruin is found to be only a portion of a great enclosure, inside which there are coming to light the stone built palaces, official buildings and the royal baths which form the royal city of tradition.

The broken potsherds begin to tell their story and to disclose to expert examination three main successive periods of local activity; the first subject to Egyptian influence, the second marked by an influx of Greek ideas, and the third suggesting a Roman occupation or colony.

The historical material confirms these evidences, showing the city to have been founded about the eighth century B. C., possibly when the Ethiopian power in Egypt began to decline before the advance of Assyria, impelling the king and his court to seek the security of a refuge further up the Nile than their previous capital of Napata afforded.

Many tombs of the Necropolis have been examined and show that the development of local funerary art and customs pursued a parallel course. These are archaeologically divisible into three separate groups corresponding to the main historical divisions, land, it would appear, to the groups of pyramids.

Another Evidence for Daniel. In our exposition of Daniel we have made the statement that this magnificent book has been completely vindicated and has proven an anvil upon which the critics' hammers have been broken to pieces. This vindication still goes on. We quote the following from an Exchange:

It is reported that Greek and Cypriote vases have been discovered among Hittite remains at Carchemish. What does this mean? In a word, that, during the period 1100 to 600 B.C., works of art from the lands of the Levant had been carried into the great empires on the Euphrates. Having regard to the extraordinary commercial activity of the ancient East, this is a proposition quite easy to understand. Yet, again and again, in order to "bring down" the date of Daniel, and support the theory that the Book was not written by the prophet of that name, it has been objected that musical instruments with Greek names are mentioned in the record as having been used in Babylon! And why not? Now at length the objection is shattered; for if Greek works of art were imported into "the land of the Hittites," as we now find to have been the case, they cannot for one moment be regarded as unknown in Babylon, at a still later date!

The Limit of Earth's Resources will Soon be Reached. A leading English Scientist made a few weeks ago before the British Association for the Advancement of Science some interesting statements. Within a century, he estimates, the resources of the world will be taxed to their full capacity.

Civilized man is, or ought to be, beginning to realize that in reducing more and more of the surface of the earth to what he considers a habitable condition he is making so much progress and making it so rapidly that the problem of finding suitable accommodation for his increasing numbers must become urgent within a few generations.

He also referred to the wheat acreage as not keeping pace with the increase in population, and added:

"If prophecies based on population statistics are trustworthy the crisis will be upon us before the end of the century.

"We must either depend upon some substitute to reduce our consumption per head, or we must take to intensive farming of the most strenuous sort."

We doubt not these fears are fully justified. Problems arise on all sides and man is helpless to solve them. The world is rapidly approaching what may be called a great bankruptcy. Tremendous upheavals of a physical and social nature will surely come. God's hand will be felt in mighty judgments. But we know more than that. The Word of God holds out the blessed hope of better things for this earth with its ever increasing groans. That hope can only be realized in the Coming of the Lord, who is both Creation's Lord and Creation's Redeemer. He did not wear the thorns, the emblems of the course, in vain upon His blessed brow. With His Coming a new era, a new age, will begin for this earth. The nearness of this age introduced by His manifestation seems indicated by the fact that the limit of the resources of this earth will soon be reached.

Beth-Shemesh has been Found. There have recently been discovered in Palestine by Dr. D. Mackenzie and F. G. Newton the remains of Beth-Shemesh, which had been lying forgotten for 2,614 years. Beth-Shemesh was possibly one of the high places that King Hezekiah overturned, as described in 2 Kings xviii:4.

A mound in the valley of Sorek, known as Ain Shems, which, from its position on the main road between Jerusalem and the sea, would have formed an important point of defense for the Holy

City, was thought to cover the Beth-Shemesh of old. There was little indication on the surface of what lay buried beneath. Trial shafts, says Claire Gaudet, in an article in *The Graphic*, were sunk with satisfactory results, the walls of the city were traced and laid bare, and the ashes which have covered these walls probably since the Assyrian invasion in the year 701 B. C. have now been forced to give up the secrets they hid. The city, however, had been completely destroyed by fire on a former occasion—it is thought in the days of King Ahaz, at the time of the Philistine invasion.

The first year the explorers pitched their camp beneath an olive grove close to what is probably a very ancient road which crossed the Tell, dividing it into two, the eastern part being Ain Shems and the western Rumeileh, where the buried city proved to be. Close to this road is the shrine of Abu Meizar, which, according to tradition, is associated with Samson. The shrine is built on a rock, and its position forms a natural halting place for travelers crossing the valley.

Mr. Newton points out the probability that this is the very spot where the Ark rested on its arrival from Ekron, for the surroundings correspond exactly with the description in the first book of Samuel vi:14 even to a great stone which is to be seen close by, in front of the shrine.

Well may we all be thankful for these continued confirmations of sacred history. Infidelity and its cousin, "Higher Criticism," may laugh for a time; the last laugh belongs to faith. Let them dig on. The spade will turn up other things. Happy are we, that we believe in the Bible apart from any of these archaeological finds.

The Claims and Twaddle of Science. The so-called "scientific world" was recently startled by the claims of a Mexican professor, Mr. Herrera, of having succeeded in forming a human embryo by chemical combination. Science has for a long time wrestled with the problem of life and has more than once attempted to produce life artificially. That the claim of this Mexican scientist is

another fake needs hardly to be stated. In connection with this alleged discovery a scientific paper says:

It would be impossible of course to set a limit to the scope of scientific research and investigation which in reality covers the universe itself; and what the professor believes he has accomplished is after all only what the free play of natural forces brought about in a natural way some 100,000,000 (more or less) years ago.

We refer to what is known as spontaneous generation or the passage from non-living to living matter—from the inorganic to the organic. This must have taken place under a transitory set of conditions existing toward the end of the azoic or lifeless period of our planet. At that precise time the earth's physical condition was entirely different from what it is now. Although still warm, as compared with subsequent stages, it had cooled down sufficiently to enable the enveloping vapors to condense and form water, without which any known form of life would have been impossible.

There is no doubt whatever that on strict analysis it will be found that the bodies of all living things—animals and plants—are made up of elements all of which are included in the earth's composition; and out of a few of these, such as carbon hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, and sulphur, united into a proximate compound, is formed a substance called protoplasm, which is the physical basis of life in all its forms.

The first formation of this substance under special conditions—chemical, electrical, thermal, and aquatic—probably took place in the shallow margins and lagoons of the Laurentian seas. This was the starting point of life, and if through any fortuitous cause it failed to develop under the conditions then obtaining, it is in the highest degree improbable that life could have originated in a natural way at any subsequent stage of the earth's evolution, as the requisite conditions are wanting, and can no more be recalled now than we can recall our individual childhood state. Both have passed and gone never to return.

It, therefore, follows that we need not expect to see at the present stage of the earth's evolution any such thing as abiogenesis or spontaneous generation through a natural operation. But this does not preclude the possibility of an artificial production of living sub-

stance in the laboratory of the chemist or experimental physicist some day. But it is exceedingly doubtful if any artificial organism would be able to survive the strain of adaptation to what would most likely be an unsuitable environment. Whether the organism's life would be a "merry" one or not is doubtful; but it would certainly be "short"!

This sounds all very learned and plausible, but is it truth? Certainly not. It is simply the speculation of man, who rejects God's revelation concerning the origin of this earth. No, life cannot be manufactured. In the above article the first beginning of life is given as 100,000,000 years—more or less. That is how **exact** science is in its miserable guesswork. One only needs to put together the different estimates of well-known scientists to find out how much at sea they are in regard to the age of our planet. Here are a few guesses about the age of the earth:

Lord Kelvin, 1862, 20,000,000 to 400,000,000 years, probably 98,000,000.

Clarence King and Carl Barus, 1893, 24,000,000.

Lord Kelvin, 1897, 20,000,000 to 40,000,000.

De Lapparent, 1890, 67,000,000 to 90,000,000.

Charles D. Walcott, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, 1893, maximum, 70,000,000.

J. Joly, 1899, age of the ocean, 80,000,000 to 90,000,000.

W. J. Sollas, 1909, age of the ocean, 80,000,000 to 150,000,000.

Messrs. Becker and Clarke of the U. S. Geol. Survey, not above 70,000,000 and not below 55,000,000 years.

A few million years apart, that is all. What a sure foundation and perfect knowledge we possess by direct revelation in Genesis i. That blessed opening chapter after centuries of scientific investigation, discoveries and

theories stands still unimpeached. It can never be shaken. The earth itself and the heavens may pass away, but His Word never.

The Guess Work of Science. The age of the earth has been over and over again estimated by the men who call themselves Scientists. Not two of them agree, but they differ a few million years and more. Recently a geological publication of the University of Chicago made the statement that the age of the earth is about 400,000,000 years. Others are equally sure, say that the age is 100,000,000,000 years. What folly! But turning from the Scriptures these "great" men professing themselves to be wise become fools.

Some years ago a skull was found at Gibraltar and was termed a prehistoric skull. After spending months of study on the skull Prof. Keith of London has come to the conclusion that it belongs to a woman who lived 600,000 years ago. This great Professor has discovered that nuts and roots were the chief diet of that woman and that her palate was one-third larger than that of the woman to-day. **Oh, how smart!** But—some other scientist will be certain that the skull is not more than 2,000 years old. And this flimsy thing called science is used in colleges and institutions to ridicule the Word of God, that sublime revelation, which tells us of the beginning of all things. Yet with all these attacks the solid rock foundation of God's Word stands and ever will stand: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Still Another Theory. A professor in one of the New York Colleges gave recently his explanation of how life came to be upon this planet.

"The theory of spontaneous generation, having been proved im-

possible, we are reduced to believing that all life comes from preceding life, and since our earth was originally in a condition absolutely inimicable to life, it must have come from other worlds.

"One theory maintains that meteors falling upon our earth brought germs of life. This idea, however, is not plausible. Meteors become white hot on passing through our atmosphere, which would destroy any life which might have existed upon them.

"About the only other thing which arrives on this earth from far away globes is light. This form of energy, rushing through space at 186,000 miles per second, became the carrier of the first life which took root on the earth. In the form of tiny spores, life germs, they were planted upon fertile soil, and through the process of evolution eventually became even man himself."

How the tiny spores and life germs came into existence originally he does not tell us nor can he answer other questions about his "explanation," which explains nothing. Yet boys and girls have to listen to such nonsense and their poor hearts are a good soil for this seed of infidelity. The rejection of the light given by revelation and moral declension go hand in hand. What dark days are ahead for this poor world!

Artificial Creation Once More. During the last ten years different scientists have claimed that life can be produced in an artificial way. Prof. Edward Albert Schaefer, of Edinburgh University, president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, in his annual address to that body at Dundee recently asserted again that life can be produced artificially. This is mere guesswork. Life can never be produced by a chemical process. It is amusing to read what some of the leading men of science have to say on this question:

Sir Edwin Ray Lankester, a former president of the British Association, remarks: "Professor Schaefer cast no bombshell into the ranks of men of science. Those who

are engaged in research are in complete agreement with him. Opposition can only come from metaphysical Philosophers. The public should refrain from excitement as to Professor Schaefer's vision of the ultimate production of a life-compound by the chemist. The evolution of a synthetic human is **probably a hundred million years in front of us.**

Professor D'Arcy W. Thompson observes: "Though we push such explanations to the uttermost, and learn much in so doing, they will not touch the heart of the great problems that lie deeper than the physical plane. Over the ultimate problem and causes of vitality we shall be left wondering still."

Professor Elie Metchnikoff, Director of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, declares that the artificial production of life is not within the present range of practical chemistry. He says: "I do not think such a step will be made in our epoch, certainly not in my lifetime. Chemists have applied themselves to the task of synthesizing living matter for many years, but there are great difficulties which must still be overcome. The composition of living matter is not yet sufficiently known, and chemists have yet to complete their analysis of the albuminoids which form the living cell before they can hope to build up life. That task is certainly one of the greatest difficulty."

Alfred Russel Wallace is prone to ridicule the proposals of Professor Schaefer, whose arguments, he says, "are the same as those of Haeckel and all the great agnostics, but he does not really get over the difficulties one iota more than they did. So there is nothing in what he says that one can call new. He begins by stating, as if it were

his point of view, that the problems of life are essentially problems of matter, and that we cannot conceive of life in a scientific sense as existing apart from matter. He puts down what he could conceive and could not conceive as a datum, without any attempt to prove it. A little further on he tries to show the similarity of the process of reproduction in living and non-living matter, and the only thing he brings forward is crystals. He says that crystals grow and multiply and reproduce their life, and therefore he appears to be utterly ignorant that a crystal is simply added to on the outside, whereas life is a thing of wonderful and complex structure and is added to on the inside. That, I consider, is a wonderful case of bad reasoning, of begging the question."

A believer in the Word of God can read all such statements in calmness of soul, knowing that all these efforts will prove a complete failure in the end.

An Interesting Discovery. Dr. Vilhjalmar Stefansson, of the American Museum of Natural History, has returned after the discovery of a tribe of 2,000 white persons lost for more than 400 years in the arctic regions. He travelled 10,000 miles on foot during four years, and found the long-lost descendants of the Norsemen who 800 years ago went to Newfoundland with "Lief the Lucky" from the shores of Norway.

The discovery is ranked by ethnologists as the most important of the kind that could be made, with the single exception of the discovery of the history of the lost tribes of Israel.

This tribe, living yet in stone age style, has its habitat about Coronation gulf and Victoria Land, regions the doctor was warned to avoid before he started on his

expedition. All maps which he had showed the country as uninhabited.

But he found a white race of fair complexion, half of whom have red hair and white eyebrows. They bear no trace of Asiatic or the Eskimo, but resemble in many respects the Scandinavians from whom they descended.

Prof. Stefansson accounts for their existence by the fact that in the year 982 Greenland was discovered and settled by 3,000 Icelanders. One thousand of these people sailed from Norway and missed Greenland, but landed on the coast of Newfoundland. The Norsemen settled in two colonies, one on the north and one on the south side of Newfoundland.

How remarkable that this race should have been hidden so long and now be brought to the attention of the civilized world! But God knew them and knew their abode. The so-called "lost tribes" are equally known to God. May the Gospel now be speedily carried to this white race of the far North.

The Missing Link Still Missing. During an animal show in Chicago, a dark skinned being, which had no articulate speech was exhibited. The poor creature was advertised as the "ape man," a "cannibal" and as the "missing link" of the evolution theory. The being, a mere boy, was called "Congo" and his exhibitors told a graphic story how he was captured in Central Africa and what dangers were connected with his capture. Many thousands looked at the boy and not a few believed that he must be the long looked for missing link.

But it has now been discovered and legally decided by Judge Windes, that the poor fellow is not the missing link,

but an imbecile Louisiana negro boy, who never saw Africa. The Judge has awarded his custody to the mother.

The scientists, professors and preachers, whose creed is the Darwinian evolution theory, must keep on looking for the missing link. It is still missing and will never be found.

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